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- 3      Gulf of Mexico: SS Touchet (U.S. tanker, 10,172 tons)  
presumed sunk by SS at 25-50 N, 86-30 W.
- 4      West Atlantic: SS Libertad (Cuban cargo ship, 5,441 tons)  
presumed sunk by SS at 34-46 N, 74-18 W.
- 8      Caribbean: SS Colombia (Panamanian cargo ship, 1,176 tons)  
torp. and sunk at 09-50 N, 78-55 W.
- 16      Caribbean: SS McDowell (U.S. tanker, 10,200 tons) pre-  
sumed sunk by SS at 13-08 N, 70-02 W.

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1. Germany: Force of 213 B-17's and 69 B-24's drops 775 tons of HE and incendiaries on Solingen with unobserved results; bombers escorted by 374 P-47's and 42 P-38's which encounter severe and well-planned opposition along entire route; 23 Axis planes shot down, 15 probably, and 11 damaged; Allied losses considered heavy: 26 bombers and 7 fighters fail to return.  
France: Force of 176 B-26's coordinating attack with that of heavy bombers on Germany, bombs airfields at Cambrai and Lille, dropping 218 tons of bombs with fair to good results. Twenty escorted B-25's attack aero-engine works at Albert; target believed hit.
2. Germany: Eleven Halifaxes, 15 Mosquitoes, and 334 Lancasters drop 1,473 tons of bombs on Berlin during night, concentrating on S and SE sections of the city, which become a mass of fires.  
France: Submarine yards at Marseilles bombed by 118 escorted B-17's from Mediterranean bases; 138 tons of explosive cause extensive damage; of 30-35 Axis planes encountered, 11 shot down, 4 probably, and 2 damaged. Objectives SW of Cherbourg bombed by 56 A-20's and Typhoon bombers.
3. Germany: Leipzig is target for concentrated and effective night attack by 326 Lancasters and Halifaxes which drop 1,326 tons of HE and incendiaries through 10/10 cloud; large fires in W part of city result.
4. Holland: P-47 fighter bombers escorted by P-47 fighters bomb Gilze Rijen airdrome with good results; AA fire only meager and inaccurate. Force of Typhoons encounters 19 DO-217's and shoots down 11.
5. France: About 550 B-17's and B-24's dispatched against targets on French coast and in Paris area are prevented by bad weather from bombing; 5 B-17's attack airdrome at Bordeaux, encountering strong opposition on return flight; 11 Axis planes shot down, 6 probably, and 2 damaged; 2 B-24's bomb SS pens at St. Nazaire. Of 197 B-26's dispatched against N France, 52 bomb military installations at St. Josse and Ligescourt.

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- 10     Germany: Leverkusen bombed during night by 19 Mosquitoes; damage believed inflicted on chemical works and town.  
      England: About 20 enemy bombers operate over Essex and Suffolk; 8 penetrate to London; some damage caused at Chedburgh airfield in Suffolk.
- 11     Germany: Inland shipping facilities and SS yards at Emden are target for 435 B-17's and 9 B-24's with escort of 389 P-47's, P-38's, and P-51's; 1,326 tons of HE and incendiaries dropped, causing numerous fires in industrial sections. Extremely heavy fighter opposition, which includes new ME-209's, encountered; 107 Axis planes shot down, 22 probably, and 30 damaged for loss of 17 Allied bombers and 3 fighters.
- 13     Germany: Force of 640 B-17's and B-24's with escort of 485 P-47's, P-38's, and P-51's drops 1,049 tons of bombs on Kiel, 401 on Bremen, and 262 on Hamburg; though bombing is blind, extensive damage inflicted on shipbuilding yards and business and residential areas of towns where large sections are gutted; unusually intense, accurate AA fire encountered; of opposing Axis planes, 7 destroyed, 3 probably, and 17 damaged.  
      Holland: Schipol airfield at Amsterdam is target for 192 escorted B-26's which accurately drop 377 tons of bombs; intense, accurate AA fire damages over 100 bombers.
- 14     France: Military objectives in Pas de Calais area attacked by 56 RAF fighter bombers.
- 15     Austria: For raid on Innsbruck see Mediterranean Theater.
- 16     Germany: Bremen bombed through 10/10 cloud by 388 B-17's and 132 B-24's with strong fighter escort; 1,522 tons of HE and incendiaries dropped, with unobserved results; of intercepting enemy aircraft, 18 shot down, 11 probably, and 11 damaged. Force of 380 Lancasters drops 1,569 tons of HE and incendiaries on Berlin during night; large concentration of fires results.  
      France: Military objectives in Abbeville area bombed, night of 16/17, by 26 Stirlings, 9 Lancasters, and 12 Mosquitoes.

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17 France: Small force of RAF Typhoon bombers dive-bombs military objectives SW of St. Omer with fair to good results.

19 Austria: Innsbruck marshalling yards are target for 101 escorted B-17's; 261 tons of bombs dropped, causing fires and explosions among tracks, rolling stock, and gas works; of 40-50 intercepting planes, 24 destroyed, 14 probably, and 3 damaged.

England: During night about 12 Axis aircraft operate over Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, causing slight damage at last; 4 reach London.

Germany: Messerschmitt factory at Augsburg bombed by 50 B-24's with P-38 escort; results unobserved because of heavy cloud; of about 60 opposing planes, 13 shot down, 8 probably, and 1 damaged.

20 Germany: Force of 367 B-17's and 100 B-24's with fighter escort drops 1,152 tons of HE and incendiaries on Bremen: shipyards believed severely damaged and large fires observed burning in center of city. Both AA fire and fighter opposition intense; 40 Axis planes shot down, 25 probably, and 15 damaged for loss of 28 bombers and 10 fighters. Frankfurt is target for 530 Halifaxes and Lancasters which drop 2,056 tons of bombs during night, starting raging fires; 40 bombers fail to return. Forty Lancasters and 10 Mosquitoes make diversionary attack on Mannheim, starting several fires.

France: Force of 120 B-26's, B-25's, A-20's, Hurricanes, Typhoons, and Spitfires drops 116 tons of bombs on objectives in Pas de Calais area as diversion for bomber attack on Bremen; results unobserved.

21 France: Berck Sur Mer airdrome and installations in Pas de Calais area bombed by 83 B-26's and about 140 fighter bombers.

English Channel: SS Norhauk (Norwegian cargo ship, 6,086 tons) sunk by mine at 51-50 N, 01-33 E.

22 Germany: Osnabruck is target for 571 tons of HE and incendiaries dropped by heavily escorted force of 135 B-17's and 87 B-24's; 165 B-17's and 29 B-24's drop 450 tons on

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Muenster. Both objectives attacked through 10/10 cloud; considerable opposition from enemy planes encountered; 36 reported shot down, 11 probably, and 6 damaged for loss of 22 Allied bombers.

France: Coordinated with heavy bomber attack, force of over 500 medium and fighter bombers dispatched against targets along French coast; because of unfavorable weather, only about 200 attack, dropping bombs on objectives in Pas de Calais and Cherbourg areas.

23 Germany: Enormous fires raging in Berlin as result of night attack by 315 RAF heavy bombers which drop 1,338 tons of HE and incendiaries; 15 bombers fail to return.

Holland: Ninety-five P-47's attack Gilze Rijen airdrome, probably damaging dispersal areas, buildings, and runways.

France: Antheor Viaduct probably damaged by 33 B-26's.

24 Western Europe: Gen. Eisenhower has been named chief of Allied invasion forces, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder as deputy supreme commander, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay as Allied naval commander in chief, and Air Marshal T. L. Leigh-Mallory as commander in chief of all tactical air forces. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery is appointed commander in chief of British armies serving under Gen. Eisenhower, Maj. Gen. James Doolittle commander of American Air Forces in Britain, Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz commander of American strategic bombing operations against Germany, and Air Vice Marshal J. H. D'Albiac commander of British Tactical Air Force.

France: Objectives along French coast hammered by Allied aircraft: force of 467 B-17's and 191 B-24's bombs what are believed to be installations for launching pilotless aircraft; 1,719 tons of explosive dropped with good results. Pas de Calais area attacked by 135 B-26's and Typhoon bombers; total of 77 A-20's, B-25's, and Typhoon bombers drops 109 tons on Cherbourg Peninsula. Brest/Guipavas and Morlaix airfields attacked by 6 Typhoon bombers each.

East Atlantic: USS Leary, DD, torp. and sunk NE of Azores; HMS Hurricane, DD, damaged by torpedo in same locality and subsequently sunk by her own forces.

26 Barents Sea: In morning German BB, Scharnhorst, attacks Allied convoy to Russia and is driven off by British force of 1 CA and 2 CL's about 80 miles SE of Bear I.; enemy ship possibly

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damaged and HMS Norfolk, CA, hit. Scharnhorst flees S toward Norway and is intercepted by HMS Duke of York, BB, with 1 CL and 4 DD's; after 3½-hr. battle, Scharnhorst, only Axis BB fit for service, is sunk 60 mi. NE of North Cape.

28      France: Force of 20 Typhoon bombers and 5 Spitfires attacks military objectives in Dieppe-Abbeville area.

East Atlantic: Force of 11 German DD's intercepted 300 mi. SW of Ushant by 2 British CL's, Glasgow and Enterprise; during running fight, in which Sunderlands, Halifaxes, and PB4Y's also attack, 2 enemy DD's of Narvik class and 1 of Elbing class are sunk; British ships sustain minor damage.

29      Germany: Berlin again set ablaze during severe night attack by 625 Halifaxes and Lancasters which drop 2,461 tons of HE and incendiaries through 10/10 cloud; AA fire is heavier than usual; 20 bombers missing. As diversion Mosquitoes bomb Magdeburg, Leipzig, Duesseldorf, and Leverkusen.

30      Germany: Force of 652 B-17's and B-24's with strong fighter escort drops 1,373 tons of HE and incendiaries on Ludwigshaven through solid overcast; moderate-intense AA fire and mediocre fighter opposition encountered; 18 Axis planes shot down, 11 probably, and 15 damaged.

France: Pilotless plane devices in Pas de Calais area probably damaged as result of 153 tons of bombs dropped by 103 B-26's. Same area attacked by 12 B-25's, 24 A-20's, 95 Typhoon bombers, and 24 Hurricanes; 12 RAF planes continue the attack during night.

England: About 9 Axis aircraft operate during night over SE England but only a few drop bombs.

31      France: Airfield at Cognac-Chateau Bernard attacked by 292 escorted B-17's and B-24's; 725 tons of bombs dropped, demolishing or damaging 8 out of 9 hangars, cratering runways and landing areas, and causing extensive fires among buildings. Sixty-six B-24's drop 182 tons on St. Jean Dangelly airdrome, wrecking 2 hangars and an adjoining building; 12 parked planes believed destroyed. Bris Ivry and Bois Colombes Ball Bearing Works in Paris environs bombed by 121 B-17's; 352 tons of bombs cause extensive damage to manufacturing shops at former and to Hispano-

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Suiza engine works at latter. Total enemy planes shot down in all raids are 29 as against loss of 28 bombers. Force of 174 B-26's attacks pilotless plane installations in Pas de Calais area with only fair results; 206 B-25's, A-20's, Hurricanes, Typhoon bombers, and Mosquitoes drop 175 tons on same objective.

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- 1      Russia: Germans claim limited gains in Kherson area; Soviets make slight progress SW of Kremenchug. Heavy fighting takes place in Cherkassy sector where Nazis counter-attack Red Army units attempting to extend the bridgeheads established across Dnepr R. On lower Pripet R., SE of Mozyr, Russians occupy Narovlya. Between Sozh and Dnepr rivers, Soviet forces continue drive toward RR junction of Zhlobin.
- 2      Russia: Soviet forces advance in areas SW of Kremenchug and along lower Pripet R.; near Cherkassy, however, Russians are constantly counterattacked by strong Nazi forces. NW of Gomel Red Army continues push toward Zhlobin, and Berlin reports heavy fighting W of Krichev and, for 2d successive day, W of Smolensk.
- 3      Russia: Red Army units capture Novogeorgievsk, W of Kremenchug, and several small towns in drive toward Znamenka; violent fighting continues in Cherkassy bridgehead where Nazis are determinedly opposing Soviet drive toward the RR line between Smela and Znamenka. NW of Gomel Russians make progress along RR line to Zhlobin, capturing Soltonovka. Germans again report strong Soviet attacks in Smolensk area but claim they are unsuccessful.
- 4      Russia: Berlin announces large-scale Soviet attacks with arty and tank support in Crimea and claims that these are repulsed with severe losses to the Russians. Fighting continues in Kremenchug and Cherkassy areas. In Gomel-Mogilev sector Soviets make gains in westward push toward the RR. Berlin again reports fierce fighting, during heavy snowfalls, W of Smolensk and claims that all Russian attacks are defeated. Germans also claim gains in attacks W of Nevel.
- 5      Russia: Berlin reports continued Soviet attacks NE of Kerch, in Crimea, and successful attacks by Rumanian forces against Russian positions S of Kerch. In Cherkassy sector, Axis forces with tank support continue attacks against Soviet bridgehead, while Berlin reports violent tank battles

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SW of Kremenchug. Russians make slight gains in Gomel-Mogilev sector.

- 6      Russia: Berlin announces that Soviets attempting to land S of Kerch have been annihilated and relief attacks from NE of Kerch are frustrated. SW of Kremenchug Russians rush forward to capture Aleksandriya and to cut Smela-Znamenka RR line. Germans are attacking in force in Chernyakhov area, N of Zhitomir, and claim slight gains.
- 7      Russia: Red Army salient SW of Kremenchug considerably extended by capture of several small towns and RR station of Pantayevka, on line between Kremenchug and Kirovograd. W of Kiev, enemy drive between Korosten and Zhitomir appears to be successful as Moscow acknowledges loss of several inhabited localities.
- 8      Russia: Soviet offensive SW of Kremenchug gathers momentum as Moscow announces capture of Novaya Praga and several other towns and cutting of Znamenka-Krivoi Rog and Znamenka-Nikolayev RRs at Sharovka. Despite Red Army resistance, Nazis push forward NE of Zhitomir, in what may develop into a serious threat to Russian possession of Kiev. Enemy reports unsuccessful Russian attacks NW of Gomel.
- 9      Russia: Berlin reports slight gains by German shock troops near Kerch. Soviets advance toward Kirovograd and Krivoi Rog in drive SW and S of Kremenchug; RR junction of Znamenka captured after 3 days of severe fighting. NW of Chernyakhov Nazis continue to hammer at Kiev bulge and claim gains, although acknowledging that Soviet resistance is stiffening.
- 10      Russia: Berlin announces slight gains near Kerch and frustration of further Soviet landing attempts. Russians push on toward Kirovograd; heavy fighting continues in Cherkassy area. Enemy forces claim slight gains S of Malin, in Zhitomir-Korosten sector where large scale tank battles

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are being waged.

- 11      Russia: Although Moscow has announced no major activity in Crimea, Germans continue to claim improvement of their positions near Kerch and frustration of Russian attempts to land. Red Army continues drive toward Kirovograd and captures a district center of the province, Novogorodka. Nazi troops appear to have checked Soviets in Cherkassy area and to be making gains in Zhitomir-Korosten sector.
- 12      Russia: Russians drive on toward Kirovograd in what appears to be a pincers movement, capturing Dolino-Kamenka I, N of the city, and Novoayandeyevka, SE of Kirovograd, SE of Cherkassy and Smela, Buzhin and Chigirin are occupied by Red forces, which repulse enemy counterattacks. In Kiev bulge Soviets attack with great force to check enemy drive; Moscow claims slight gains S and SW of Malin as a result.
- 13      Russia: Soviets make slow progress toward Kirovograd and W of Kremenchug; violent, fluctuating fighting continues W of Kiev where Moscow claims improvement of Soviet positions S of Malin. Germans report that they have cleared Red forces from W bank of Teterev R. Berlin announces Soviet attack S of Nevel and admits local penetrations off their line.
- 14      Russia: After prolonged and severe fighting Soviet troops capture Cherkassy, enemy stronghold on R bank of Dnepr R. This gain counterbalanced by withdrawals in Zhitomir-Korosten sector where Russians retreat from Radomyshl. Berlin announces expected Soviet tank and infantry attack SW of Zhlobin and increased pressure S of Nevel.
- 15      Russia: Enemy again reports unsuccessful Russian attacks against Nazi bridgehead E of Dnepr in Kherson area. Soviets advance SE and S of Cherkassy, capturing Belozerye on Cherkassy-Smela RR line; Germans report successful

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counterattacks in Kirovograd area. Fierce fighting continues S of Malin where Soviets claim slight improvement of their positions. Berlin announces Russian attacks on lower Pripet R., near Zhlobin, and S of Nevel where Red Army forces appear to have launched an offensive to broaden their salient N of Vitebsk.

- 16     Russia: Red forces again attack enemy bridgehead at Kherson; in Kirovograd area German counterattacks delay Russian progress; Soviets make slight gains S and SE of Cherkassy. The see-saw battle in Malin area continues although scale of fighting seems to have lessened. Berlin reports renewed Soviet attempts to gain control of upper Dnepr region between Mogilev and Gomel. In Nevel area Red Army extends its attacks W and NW of the town and enemy reports heavy defensive fighting by Nazi troops.
- 17     Russia: Soviet attacks against Kherson bridgehead continue, although Germans claim they are repulsed. Nazis determinedly oppose Soviet attacks in Kirovograd sector and it appears that they will attempt to prevent further penetration of their positions in Dnepr Bend. Russians are unsuccessfully trying to advance toward Zhlobin and in area W of Krichev, according to Berlin. Red Army offensive in Nevel sector is apparently successful although Moscow has, as yet, not admitted any major engagements on the central front.
- 18     Russia: Berlin claims fresh Russian thrusts against Kherson positions are unsuccessful; fluctuating fighting continues in Kirovograd area. Enemy reports fierce battles on central front, S and NW of Nevel.
- 19     Russia: Soviet attacks in Kherson-Nikopol sector are again unsuccessful, according to Berlin; stiff fighting continues in vicinity of Kirovograd. Moscow announces that Red Army troops have been on the offensive in Nevel sector for 5 days and have liberated over 500 places; gains made along Nevel-Vitebsk RR where Yezerishche and Bychizkha are captured.

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- 20      Russia: Nazis assert Russians are attacking near Nikopol and SW of Dnepropetrovsk; indecisive fighting continues in Kirovograd and Korosten sectors. Soviets gain S of Nevel, capturing several towns including Privalni and Kozhnyaki; Berlin also reports that Red Army units are attempting to advance in area E of Vitebsk.
- 21      Russia: Moscow announces liquidation of enemy on E bank of Dnepr opposite Kherson; Germans claim gains SE of Kirovograd. Battles are again raging in Zhitomir and Zhlobin sectors; both sides reporting strong attacks and counterattacks with no decisive result. Red Army menaces Vitebsk as troops push S from Nevel, seizing Roslyaki, on RR, Gribali, about 20 mi. N of the city, and Kozlovichi, to the NE.
- 22      Russia: Enemy claims repulse of Soviet thrusts in Nikopol area and gains SE of Kirovograd although Moscow reports frustration of Axis attacks here. Russian attacks in Zhitomir sector meet strong opposition; fluctuating fighting continues NW of Gomel. Red Army makes further gains in drive on Vitebsk; Nazis report fighting E of the city.
- 23      Russia: According to Berlin Soviets again attack unsuccessfully in Nikopol area and Nazi forces gain SE of Kirovograd. Fighting continues in Zhitomir-Korosten sector and heavy Axis attacks in Rechitsa-Zhlobin area are reported. Reds make slight gains toward Vitebsk.
- 24      Russia: Soviet inf and tanks in great force open drive to regain control of RR junctions W of Kiev; Berlin reports violent and fluctuating fighting E of Zhitomir which is probably Red Army's 1st objective. Nazis press attack between Rechitsa and Zhlobin; Russians continue push on town from NE. Soviets carry out flanking movement N of Vitebsk and, overcoming elaborate enemy defenses, seize Gorodok, NW of the city; other units continue advance from SE and NE.

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- 25      Russia: Unsuccessful Russian attacks against Nikopol bridgehead and SW of Dnepropetrovsk again reported by Berlin. Large Soviet forces hammer at German positions E of Zhitomir and enemy admits penetration by "numerically superior forces." Nazi attacks SW of Zhlobin continue; Berlin claims repulse of a Red Army attack just SE of Mogilev. Extending movement NW of Vitebsk, Soviets cut Vitebsk-Polotsk highway and capture several small towns.
- 26      Russia: Moscow announces that Red Army in Zhitomir sector has, in 3 days of fighting, broken through enemy lines on approximately a 50-mi. front; NW and SW of Fastov, district centers of Brusilov and Kornin are occupied; Radomyshl, NE of Zhitomir, seized and gains made SW of the city toward RR junctions of Berdichev and Kazatin in what may develop as menace to Zhmerinka; in this area Verbov and Popelnya captured. Enemy again claims gains NW of Rechitsa although acknowledging stubborn opposition. Soviets approach closer to Vitebsk from 3 directions; to the SE RR station of Krynki taken; just E of the city Stabrovo occupied; on NW Belyanki captured and Vitebsk-Polotsk RR seriously threatened.
- 27      Russia: Fighting continues in Kirovograd area. Red Army races on SE of Zhitomir, capturing Yakhny, Vcheraishche, Andrushovka, Zabara, and Ivnitsa; forces pushing W from Radomyshl capture Glinenka. Farther N, Vitebsk gravely threatened by Soviets who capture Lushchikha, to the NE, and W of the town, cut Polotsk-Vitebsk RR near Dvorishche; gains also reported SE of Vitebsk.
- 28      Russia: Nazis claim gains N of Kirovograd, although Moscow denies any penetration of Soviet positions. Russian offensive rolls on toward Zhitomir; units pushing SW of Fastov toward Berdichev capture Moiseyevka and Nekhvoroshch; troops NE of Zhitomir cross Teterev R. to seize Korostyshev. Farther N another force approaches Korosten with capture of Bekhi, N of the city, and Zlobichi, just SE of it. Axis troops appear to be offering stiffened resistance to Red Army in Vitebsk sector and their counterattacks limit Soviet progress.

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Russia: Germans continue attacks N of Kirovograd. Soviet troops attack in Dnepr Bend W of Zaporodzhe to clear Axis from W bank of the river; several localities, including Kantserovka and Novofedorvka, both slightly NW of Zaporodzhe, occupied. SW of Kiev Red Army pushes on toward cutting of enemy RRs through Dnepr Bend; E and NE of Kazatin and Berdichev, Skvira, Belopolye, Vernigorodok, and Krasovka occupied. Chernyakhov and Levkov, just N and S of Zhitomir, seized while another force overwhelms enemy resistance in Korosten and pushes S, SW, and NW of the city to Kropivnya, Ushomir, and Kupishche. Moscow reports slight gains around Vitebsk although Berlin claims Nazi resistance is checking Soviet drive.

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Russia: Soviets advance W and NW of Zaporodzhe to capture Tomakovka and Chumaki as well as several RR stations. Berlin announces that, after 4 days of heavy fighting in Kirovograd sector, gaps in their line are closed. Russian force heading in Zhmerinka direction seizes RR junction of Kazatin. Red Army troops push around Zhitomir to the NW and capture Chervonnoarmeisk; advancing NW of Korosten other forces take Luginy. Fighting rages in Vitebsk sector where Nazis are determinedly protecting this vital junction.

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Russia: Red Army surges forward on all sectors of the front, making gains W of Zaporodzhe, NW of Korosten, and W of Mnevel. Zhitomir seized by Russians for 2d time in 2 months after fierce and prolonged fighting. Orsha-Vitebsk highway, parallel to the RR, cut by Soviet troops, despite serious enemy counterattacks in the area.

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Section IV: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER

1      Italy: In 5th Army area, 46th Div attacks toward Calabritto but is checked outside the town; 34th Div frustrates enemy counterattacks NW of Isernia. Eighth Army continues progress despite Axis counterattacks: Rocca San Giovanni, on road to S. Vito, occupied by units of 78th Div; 21st Ind Brig reaches point just S of Lanciano; to the SW, Castelfrentano is entered by 6th NZ Brig; patrols of 4th NZ Brig report Casoli, about 15 mi. SW of Lanciano, clear of enemy. Fifth Army is supported by DD's which bombard Minturno area during night.

Ground forces in 8th Army sector supported by 36 P-40's which attack Guardiagrele-Lanciano area with good results. Troops on 5th Army front supported by total of 96 P-40's, 95 A-36's, and 12 A-20's which bomb gun positions SE of Cassino; gun positions W of Maggiore, in S. Ambrogio area, bombed by 62 B-25's; results believed good. Seventy B-26's with P-38 escort bomb RR bridges at Sestri Levante, Cecina, and Aulla; installations at 1st hit and possible damage inflicted on other targets. Pontassieve RR yards are target for night attack by 48 Wellingtons which damage objective and adjacent buildings. Force of 118 B-17's escorted by P-38's drops 354 tons of bombs on Turin ball bearing works, damaging target and rail facilities; of about 30 Axis planes opposing Allied aircraft, 2 destroyed, 3 probably, and 1 damaged; 15 B-17's missing.

Yugoslavia: Partisans appear to be taking the offensive NW of Sarajevo and attack Nazi forces at Travnik. Seventy-two P-40's carry out 6 missions over Yugoslavia; several small craft sunk or damaged in harbors.

2      Italy: Fifth Army attacks enemy's Camino-Maggiore positions during night after a concentrated arty bombardment by 820 guns in afternoon; 1st SS Force attacks slopes of M. Difensa, slightly NE of M. Camino. Eighth Army continues advance in coastal area, although somewhat delayed by mines and demolitions; fierce fighting takes place in Lanciano area; counterattacks by enemy 90th PG Div repulsed SW of Lanciano. In afternoon 2 British DD's shell targets between Guilianova and Pescara, scoring at least 1 hit on Pescara bridge. Same vessels bombard Ancona and S. Benedetto during night, sinking 3 schooners and damaging 2; enemy shore batteries reply but inflict no damage on Allied ships.

Total of 191 P-40's attacks targets in 8th Army area; 271

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P-40's and A-36's bomb enemy gun positions SE of Cassino. Forty-one B-25's damage approach to bridge at Chieti; 23 B-25's probably damage RR bridge S of Orvieto. Arezzo RR yards well covered with 97 tons of bombs dropped by 67 escorted B-26's; 10 Wellingtons damage same target in night raid. Tracks, RR cars, and gun positions at Bolzano marshalling yards damaged by 35 escorted B-24's which drop 106 tons of bombs.

About 30 Axis aircraft attack Bari in evening, dropping mines and bombs; 2 ammunition ships blow up, starting fires among closely packed vessels in harbor. Following ships sunk: SS John Bascob, SS Joseph Wheeler, SS Samuel Tilden, SS John L. Motley, SS John Harvey (all U.S. cargo ships, 7,176 tons), SS Testbank (British cargo ship, 5,083 tons), SS Lars Kruse (British cargo ship, 1,807 tons), SS Fort Athabaska (British cargo ship, 7,132 tons), SS Bollsta (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,832 tons), SS Lom (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,268 tons), SS Barletta (Italian cargo ship, 1,975 tons), SS Frosinione (Italian cargo ship, 5,202 tons), SS Puck (Polish cargo ship, 1,065 tons), and SS Lwow (Polish cargo ship, 1,409 tons). Three other ships sunk but salvageable; 6 merchant vessels and 2 British DD's damaged; casualties estimated at 1,000.

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Italy: In area N and W of Calabritto, 10th Corps makes gains; town is occupied by 46th Div, and 56th Div seizes several hill positions on S side of Camino. Attack is pressed by 2d Corps: 3d Ranger Bn moves toward sector E of S. Pietro; 1st SS Force captures M. Difensa in early morning and then advances on M. Remetanea; 36th Div occupies several hills slightly to the N. W of Isernia 34th Div makes slow but constant progress on ridge NE of M. Marrone. In 8th Army area violent fighting occurs in vicinity of Guardiagrele, S anchor of German positions; S. Eusanio and Orsogna captured by 2d NZ Div, 8th Ind Div seizes Lanciano, and 78th Div occupies S. Vito and Treglio, about 2½ mi. inland; these gains achieved despite fierce and determined Axis opposition.

Weather conditions limit air operations on W battle front but 24 A-20's and A-30's attack Axis defenses S of Cassino; RR hit and several fires started around S. Ambrogio. Eighth Army troops strongly supported by total of 171 P-40's which, in 15 missions, cause considerable damage to defenses and transport in Guardiagrele-Orsogna area; of about 40 enemy aircraft encountered during day, 5 destroyed and 2 damaged. Casale airfield covered with HE and fragmentation bombs by 34 B-24's with P-38 escort.

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Yugoslavia: Sibenik is target for 48 B-25's which, in 4 missions, drop 93 tons of bombs, extensively damaging RR yards and main unloading quay; several explosions caused among small craft in harbor. Thirty-two P-40's attack shipping in Sibenik and Split harbors.

Partisans in Slovenia attack and capture Veliki Lasce, on Ljubljana-Kocevje road.

- 4 Italy: Fifty-sixth Div continues to press forward on S and SW slopes of M. Camino; occupying several hill positions; 36th Div operates on M. Remetanea, pushing toward M. Maggiore; heavy rains hamper operations. Enemy shelling in 45th Div sector decreases; 34th Div repulses Axis counterattack. In E coast area 2d NZ Div is forced by Axis counterattacks to withdraw from Orsogna but heavy fighting continues in vicinity of the town; 8th Ind Div pushes N of Lanciano to occupy Frisa; 1st Cdn Div passes through 78th and advances to Moro R.

Adverse weather grounds majority of Allied aircraft; Axis gun positions near Orsogna attacked with good results by 24 fightersbombers. During night 5 A-20's bomb Ancona-Pescara area, possibly damaging a bridge N of Pedaso and RR installations at Civitanova.

Yugoslavia: Partisans continue attempts to encircle Sarajevo and have captured Trnovo, some distance S of the city; they also report dispersal of a Nazi column between Sarajevo and Trnovo. In coastal sector, Kijevo, NE of Sibenik, believed captured by Tito's forces.

Aegean: RAF aircraft attack Simi harbor, probably damaging buildings on quayside.

- 5 Italy: Units of 10th Corps make gains on M. Camino, occupying Formelli; small pockets of the enemy continue to hold out in rocks above Monastery Hill. On slopes of M. Difensa Axis units counterattack 1st SS Force but are repulsed by arty; in afternoon, 1st SS Force captures Hill 907. Rangers approach S slopes of M. Sammucro without contacting enemy. Forty-fifth Div makes slight progress S of M. Pantano and defeats an Axis counterattack with heavy casualties for the enemy. Heavy rains hamper operations in E coast area but violent fighting continues, especially in Guardiagrele sector; Cdn units operate along line of Moro R. Lanciano area heavily bombarded by Axis arty during night.

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Air operations again limited by bad weather but 8th Army troops are well supported. Rail and road bridge NE of Chieti bombed by 9 B-25's; Axis gun positions in Guardiagrele area accurately attacked by 72 P-40's. On W coast, area N and S of Rome bombed by 48 A-36's, which probably damage some RR installations and roads. Mosquitoes make night attack on Arezzo, Piombino, Avezzano, and Villa Franco..

Yugoslavia: Split harbor attacked by 36 B-25's which drop 54 tons of bombs; hits scored on shipyard and RR yard result in fires and explosions.

Greece: RAF Halifaxes make night attack on Salonika RR station, starting several fires.

- 6 Italy: Monastery Hill and crest of M. Camino captured by units of 56th Div; strong counterattack against Hill 907 repulsed by Allied arty; 142d RCT of 36th Div makes slight progress on M. Maggiore slopes. NW of Venafrò 45th Div captures Lagone, in M. Pantano area; slightly to the N, 34th Div encounters unusually heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Operations in 8th Army sector hindered by rain; enemy continues to hold Ortona-Orsogna-Guardiagrele line; Canadians advance N of S. Vito, capturing S. Leonardo; contact maintained with enemy along line of Moro R.

Bad weather continues to ground Allied planes. Twelve A-36's attack Ceperano and 12 P-40's bomb bridge at S. Ambrogio, SE of Cassino.

Greece: Kalamaki airdrome bombed by 56 B-17's; target believed well covered with HE and fragmentation bombs; of about 20 intercepting enemy planes, 6 shot down, 4 probably, and 4 damaged for loss of 1 bomber. Forty-five B-24's attack Eleusis airdrome with good results; of 15-20 Axis aircraft opposing Allied force, 3 destroyed, 2 probably, and 2 damaged; 1 B-24 destroyed and 1 escort plane missing. During night RAF heavy bombers attack dockyards at Salamis.

- 7 Italy: Forty-sixth Div, driving NW of Calabritto, captures height just S of Cocuruzzo; villages of Camino and Aquapendola and M. le Croce captured by 56th Div, giving Allied troops almost complete control of Camino hill mass; enemy is still counter-attacking unsuccessfully from Rocca d'Evandro. In Lagone area, about 5 mi. N of Venafrò, 45th Div is mopping up remaining pockets of enemy resistance. In 8th Army sector, heavy rains

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continue to impede advance; enemy unsuccessfully counterattacks Nlandwlof S. Leonardo.

Air operations still restricted by weather but Tactical Air Force flies several missions. Road and RR at Pescara hit by 27 B-25's. Gun positions near Filetto attacked by 24 P-40's. Twenty-three A-36's attack Civitella Rovito and road in Viticuso area; 4 P-40's bomb S. Vittore. Heaviest blow of day is struck at Civitavecchia, first by 56 B-25's, then by 32 A-36's; fires and explosions result in oil and ammunition stores; barracks area, gas works, and marshalling yards also hit.

Aegean: Portolago Bay, Leros, bombed by 4 B-25's which start fires among shore buildings.

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Italy: Units of 46th Div capture Cocuruzzo, on SW side of M. Camino; 56th Div moves toward Rocca d'Evandro, reaching outskirts. Second phase of attack against enemy-held heights W of Mignano begins: Italian Motorized Group attacks M. Lungo during morning and makes gains against well organized defenses; counterattack by units of Hermann Goering Div forces them back; 3d Ranger Bn and 143d RCT attack and capture peak of M. Sammucro, although enemy still holds W slopes; Axis counterattack forces Rangers to relinquish their gains. Fighting continues in Lagone area; 179th RCT of 45th Div attacks pill boxes in area SE of M. Pantano. Adverse weather continues in 8th Army sector but 2d NZ Div is fighting in outskirts of Orsogna, which is defended by 26th Panzer Div. Units of 1st Cdn Brig cross Moro R. in vicinity of S. Leonardo; fighting continues for control of Ortona-Orsogna road.

Improved weather conditions make possible intensive air operations; communications and transport system along W coast are chief targets. Orbetello RR bridge unsuccessfully bombed by 14 B-17's, while 21 more cover nearby S. Stefano harbor with bombs. Twenty-four B-26's drop 33 tons on Spoleto viaduct, possibly hitting it; 12 B-26's score hits on Orte. Civitavecchia harbor suffers 2 attacks: during day 12 B-26's hit warehouse and oil storage depot; at night 14 A-20's hit chemical works and RR yards, set 1 cargo ship on fire and possibly damage another. Aquila bombed by 27 B-25's which hit RR yards and industrial buildings. On E coast Pescara bombed by 35 B-25's; hits scored on bridge and fires started in warehouse area. Ancona overpass unsuccessfully attacked by 24 B-25's.

Eighth Army troops supported by 393 P-40's which drop 136 tons of bombs N of Orsogna with good results; total of 242 P-40's, A-20's, and A-36's support 5th Army forces, attacking

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Cassino area, Viticuso, S. Elia, S. Giorgio, S. Angelo, and communications from Avezzano to Frosinone.

Yugoslavia: Germans have launched a general offensive from Karlovac to the Sanjak, area S and E of Sarajevo. SE of Zagreb Partisans have repulsed Nazi attacks at Cazma; SE of Sarajevo Germans have seized Pljevlja and Prijepolje and are possibly exerting pressure on Tito's troops along the Lim R.

Greece: Two airdromes at Athens attacked by heavy bombers: 36 escorted B-24's cover Tatoi with 45 tons of explosive; 61 B-17's drop 81½ tons on Eleusis; 1 B-17 destroyed by AA fire and 1 B-24 is missing.

Crete: During night Heraklion harbor defenses are target for 6 Halifaxes; 1 explosion and 3 large fires caused; AA guns S of harbor believed silenced.

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Italy: Units of 10th Corps clear Maggiore-Camino feature, capturing Rocca D'Evandro and S. Nicola. Second Corps consolidates positions on M. Sammucro and frustrates several enemy counterattacks during day. Two Bns of 143d RCT attack W toward S. Pietro but encounter stiff resistance from well organized defenses; enemy resistance in M. Pantano sector continues to delay 45th Div. Eighth Army units continue violent fighting in Moro R. area. Allied DD's bombard S. Benedetto during night in support of Canadians.

Ground forces on 5th Army front are supported by 251 P-40's and A-36's, which attack enemy communications and defense positions. Terni RR yards bombed by 36 B-25's which hit workshop and start fires in yards; accurate AA fire damages 14 bombers. On E coast road and RR bridges at Guillianova bombed by 60 B-25's; roads and RR hit and both bridges straddled. Eighth Army supported by 451 P-40's, A-20's, and A-30's which attack Axis troop concentrations, gun positions, and strong points from Orsogna area to Miglianico.

Yugoslavia: Nazis appear to be attempting to push Partisans inland from Dalmatian coast and have captured Livno and Tomislavgrad, NE of Split. Farther N Partisans in Zara area occupy Biograd, about 20 mi. SE of Zara.

Sixteen Spitfires strafe communications along Yugoslavian and Albanian coasts.

Mediterranean: SS Cap Padaran (British cargo ship, 8,009 tons) sunk off Crotone by SS.

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Italy: Fifty-sixth Div takes over entire Camino-Maggiore feature;

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36th Div; on M. Sammucro, disperses Axis counterattack by arty; Rangers capture Hill 950, on N side of Sammucro, Second Corps is driving toward S. Pietro, concentrating heavy arty on defenses E of town, but enemy forces offer strong opposition. Forty-fifth Div, E of M. Pantano, captures M. Serroni after serious fighting; 2d French Moroccan Div relieves 34th Div. Eighth Army advances slowly against strong opposition by German 26th Panzer and 90th PG Div's; 2d bridgehead over the Moro established N of Frisa; positions also obtained on high ground N of S. Leonardo.

German positions in Miglianico-Orsogna area attacked by 323 P-40's; transport from Chieti area to the coast attacked by 102 P-40's; total of 53 vehicles destroyed and 125 damaged. Bridges near Ventimiglia, near Italian-French border, possibly damaged by 47 B-26's; Aquafondata attacked by total of 42 P-40's and A-36's with unobserved results. Thirty-five A-36's attacking Civitavecchia cause extensive damage, hitting storage tanks, warehouses, and RR yards; large merchant ship left burning.

Yugoslavia: SE of Ogulin Partisans have disrupted traffic between Slunj and Bihac. During night Tito's forces heavily attack Nazis at Livno. Violent fighting reported around Tuzla where Partisans have captured Zivinice, just S of Tuzla.

Bulgaria: Force of 31 escorted B-24's bombs Sofia RR yards, scoring numerous hits in E and W sections and causing explosions and fires; of 29 planes opposing Allied aircraft, 11 destroyed and 2 damaged.

- 11 Italy: Both 36th and 45th Div's heavily bombarded by enemy arty and mortar fire; 504th Para Rgt joins 36th Div and closes in in vicinity of Ceppagna, NE of S. Pietro. In E coast sector, Canadians consolidate positions on ridge N of Moro R. despite enemy counterattacks.

Unfavorable weather again causes cancellation of bomber missions. Enemy communications in W battle area attacked by 111 P-40's and 120 A-36's with good results. Axis planes bomb Allied positions in Ceppagna-S. Pietro-Mignano area.

Yugoslavia: Partisans attack enemy between Sunja and Kostajnica, in area SE of Zagreb, where they are attempting to destroy German line of communications.

Aegean: Wellingtons make night attack on Syros harbor, hitting warehouses; Halifaxes bomb AA defenses at Suda Bay, Crete.

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Italy: Allied positions in Camino-Maggiore sector sustain increased shelling by enemy arty; units of 36th Div contact enemy near entrance to Liri Valley, at confluence of Garigliano and Peccia rivers, and occupy positions on M. Giacomo, between M. Lungo and M. Maggiore; First Cdn and 8th Ind Div's defeat numerous counterattacks in Moro sector; 1st Cdn Brig reaches high ground overlooking Ortona.

Eighth Army forces supported by P-40's which bomb enemy gun positions and roads in Miglianico and Chietti area, Terracina, on W coast, bombed by 14 B-25's; road, RR, and landing ground believed hit.

Yugoslavia: In Slovenia Partisans capture Kocevje, SE of Ljubljana. Nazis appear to be attempting to divide Tito's forces in Split area and cut them off from the sea; a German attack from vicinity of Sinj is repulsed by Partisans.

Aegean: During night 4 B-24's and 8 Halifaxes bomb Suda Bay, Crete; weather prevents observation of results but mole believed hit.

Mediterranean: Axis SS attacks escort of an east-bound Allied convoy off Djidjelli; British DD, Tynedale, sunk. During subsequent hunt for attacker, British DD, Holcombe, also torp. and sunk.

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Italy: Enemy arty shells Allied troops in Camino and Sammucro areas; on E coast 1st Cdn Div cuts off Ortona-Orsogna road at point 3 mi. from former; adverse weather continues to impede operations in this sector.

Total of 144 P-40's and 95 A-36's attacks bridges in Pontecorvo area, roads and bridges in Atina-Cassino area, and towns of Atina and Terracina; excellent results believed achieved and transport temporarily slowed. Enemy positions on 8th Army front attacked by 154 P-40's. Bari attacked by 12-20 Axis planes, of which 2 are shot down.

Yugoslavia: Twenty-four B-25's attack Split, covering oil depot and causing an explosion. Sibenik is target for 24 more which start fires in warehouse and RR yards.

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Italy: Units of 36th Div advance W on M. Sammucro; slightly N, 504th Para Rgt makes gains W but is forced to withdraw because of strong opposition. Sixth Corps area heavily shelled. In 8th Army sector slight gains achieved.

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despite mud and enemy counterattacks; 8th Ind Div extends Moro bridgehead with capture of Caldari.

Total of 216 P-40's attacks bridges in W battle area; traffic temporarily blocked at Aquino, Civitavecchia and communications in Sora-Cassino sector bombed by A-36's which inflict considerable damage; bridge at Ceprano believed destroyed. Seventeen B-25's bomb Orte RR yards.

Yugoslavia: In heavy fighting in Slovenia Partisans have been forced to withdraw from Kocevje, but in Vojnic-Tusilov area, SE of Karlovac, they attack German troops. Nazi forces E of Livno attack from Sujica towards G Malovan.

Greece: Eleusis and Kalamaki airdromes at Athens bombed by 80 B-17's dropping 236 tons of explosive, covering target areas thoroughly. Twenty-seven B-17's drop 81 tons of bombs on Piraeus docks and shipping. Bombers escorted by 48 P-47's and 68 P-38's; of 30-40 Axis planes intercepting, 11 shot down, 1 probably, and 1 damaged. Another Athens airdrome, Tatoi, is target for 46 escorted B-24's which drop 105 tons on field and hangars with good results.

115 Italy: Units of 36th Div attack W toward S. Pietro, encountering determined resistance of German 29th PG Div which checks Allied troops S and E of town. In M. Marrone area 2d Fr Mor Div makes slight gains. In E coast sector 2d NZ Div reaches Ortona-Orsogna road at point 2 mi. NE of latter; 8th Ind Div also seizes small stretches of the road, and Canadians establish themselves on heights near the coast.

Allied heavy bombers pound Bolzano, Avisio viaduct, and Innsbruck marshalling yards in effort to tie up enemy rail communications through Brenner Pass: at 1st objective, 53 escorted B-17's drop 156 tons in target area, causing explosions and fires; at 2d, 114 tons dropped by 45 B-24's with P-38 escort; viaduct hit; at 3d 48 B-17's with P-38 escort drop 141 tons, concentrating on roundhouse, turntable and repair facilities. No Axis planes encountered on these missions; only opposition is at Bolzano where intense, accurate AA fire damages several B-17's.

Total of 202 P-40's and A-36's attack enemy positions and communications in Arce-Sora-Atina-Cassino area, dropping 80 tons of bombs; Frosinone bombed by 72 A-20's which cause explosions and fires; Pontecorvo bridge bombed by 23 B-25's

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which fail to damaged target but hit the town and surrounding roads. In 8th Army sector Orsogna area is target for P-40's.

Yugoslavia: Partisans appear to be on the offensive in Tuzla sector and are fighting in Husina, just S of the town.

Landing ground and dispersal areas at Mostar airdrome extensively damaged by 51 B-25's; large oil fire and 3 other fires started; 3 grounded planes left burning. About 70 P-40's and P-47's strafe shipping along coast and Zara airdrome; 7 planes destroyed on ground. Spitfires attack oil storage tanks in Kotor area.

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Italy: Units of 143d and 141st RCT's continue attack on S. Pietro but are unable to capture it; 142d, in conjunction with Italians, seizes positions on M. Lungo. Forty-fifth Div moves toward M. Cavallo; French attack M. Pantano. Despite strong Axis counterattacks, 8th Army improves its positions slightly; 2d NZ Div frustrates 2 major thrusts from Arielli, NE of Orsogna.

Allies continue to hammer Axis transport centers in N Italy: 38 escorted B-24's bomb Dogna RR bridge and tunnels with satisfactory results; 70 B-17's with heavy P-47 and P-38 escort drop 207 tons of bombs on Padua junction and RR yards, covering target; some fighter opposition encountered at latter. Total of 205 P-40's, A-20's, and A-36's attacks enemy positions and concentrations in Cervaro-Vallerotonda area with good results. Civitavecchia bombed by 24 A-36's which destroy several buildings and possibly 2 merchant ships. In 8th Army sector, MT in Canosa-Tollo area attacked by fighter bombers; 13 vehicles reported destroyed and 27 damaged.

Yugoslavia: Partisans report that Germans are surrounded at Livno. Extensive damage at Zara and Sibenik results from heavy raid by 75 B-25's; at former 1 ship blown up, another damaged, barracks and dock buildings hit; at latter hits scored on quays and possibly on RR yards. P-40's and P-38's strafe coastal area and strafe MT S of Zara; 1 merchant ship sunk and other set afire; 10 or 15 ME-109's encountered are shot down. During night Split and Zara harbors attacked by 8 A-20's.

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Italy: Thirty-sixth Div continues attack on S. Pietro; fierce fighting results, but Nazis still hold town. Forty-

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fifth Div vainly tries to advance in area S of M. Pantano and engages enemy in street fighting in Lagone; 2d Mor Div frustrates German counterattack at S. Michele Pass. In E coast area violent fighting continues; 1st Cdn Div makes slight gains S of Ortona.

Air operations greatly restricted by weather. Total of 93 P-40's and A-20's attacks Axis positions in 5th Army area. Anzio-Nettuno area bombed by 83 A-36's; barracks, warehouses and docks, and RR installations hit; fires and explosions caused.

- 18      Italy: S. Pietro occupied by units of 36th Div; several Bns patrol toward S. Vittore. In sector NW of Venafra 45th Div reoccupies Lagone; 5th Rgt of 2d Mor Div occupies M. Pantano but 8th Rgt, heavily counterattacked by Nazis; withdraws about 1 mi. at S. Michele Pass. During night 8th Ind Div attacks Tollo, about 4 mi. W of Ortona, but makes slow progress against bitter opposition; along coastal road Canadians are engaged in violent fighting for crossroads S of Ortona.

Adverse weather again limits air activity. Total of 89 P-40's and Spitfires supports 8th Army by attacking targets in Orsogna and Tollo-Canosa areas. Targets in 5th Army sector attacked by A-36's; supply dump near Terracina believed hit.

Yugoslavia: Heavy fighting reported on Karlovac-Prijedor road, in Glina, Maja, and Dvor. German offensive SE of Sarajevo makes gains as Partisans are reported driven from Rudo and Visegrad, in Lim R.-Drina R. sector.

Tyrhhenian: British AM, Felixstowe, sunk by mine off NE Sardinia.

- 19      Italy: Bns of 143d RCT seize high ground N and E of S. Vittore; 142d, on slopes of M. Lungo, relieved by 15th RCT of 3d Div; units of 141st move toward M. Morello, S of S. Vittore. Second Mor Div occupies neck of S. Michele Pass. Furious fighting continues in 8th Army sector; Canadians seize crossroads S of Ortona.

Enemy RR centers are primary target for Allied aircraft: Perugia and Foligno marshalling yards each attacked by 36 B-26's; 13 more bomb those at Castiglione while 25 B-25's attack Terni yards; results at all targets considered satis-

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factory. Roads and bridges in Pontecorvo-Aquino-Cassino area attacked by total of 72 A-20's and 24 B-25's; some hits scored on objectives. Twenty-four A-36's bomb Civitavecchia, hitting docks and RR. In 5th Army sector 86 A-36's and 47 P-40's attack Arce-Sora area, damaging a factory and supply dump at former and causing fires at latter. In E coast area 71 P-40's attack enemy positions in Orsogna-Tollo sector.

Greece: Four B-24's and 7 Halifaxes make night raid on Salamis, possibly damaging dockyards.

East Atlantic: SS Phemius (British cargo ship, 7,406 tons) sunk by SS at 05-01 N, 01-17 W. SS Kingswood (British cargo ship, 5,080 tons) presumed sunk by SS at 05-00 N, 00-00 W.

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Italy: W of Maggiore area 10th Corps patrols find Vandra clear of enemy. Axis arty bombards S. Pietro; units of 36th Div unsuccessfully attack German troops on E slopes of M. Morello. M. Cavallo occupied by 45th Div; enemy counterattacks 2d Mor Div and recaptures S. Michele Pass. In 8th Army sector 8th Ind Div advances slightly; patrols occupy Consalvi; 1st Cdn Div improves its positions in Ortona area.

Total of 48 A-36's attacks Terracina and Rome area. In support of 8th Army, 245 P-40's attack enemy positions in Chieti area; during night 24 A-36's bomb roads and vehicles in vicinity of Miglianico.

Yugoslavia: Violent fighting continues around Tuzla, and road running from NW of the town toward Zvornik, to the SE, is heavily shelled.

Bulgaria: Sofia Rd yards are objective of 89-ton raid by 37 escorted B-24's; excellent results believed achieved; of 25 Axis planes encountered, 9 destroyed, 3 probably, and 4 damaged.

Greece: Force of 109 B-17's with escort of 66 P-38's drops 297 tons of bombs on Eleusis airdrome at Athens, inflicting extensive damage; Allied planes opposed by about 35 aircraft of which 19 are destroyed, 3 probably, and 3 damaged.

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Italy: Well organized defenses and severe arty and mortar fire encountered by 143d RCT E of S. Vittore; 45th Div, pushing W of M. Cavallo, engages enemy E of Aquafondata. Farther N 2d Mor Div clears end of M. Castelnuovo. Eighth Army units make slight gains beyond Moro R.

Terracina is objective for 24 B-25's, which hit roads in

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vicinity; 71 P-40's carry out 5 missions, causing fires at Terracina, fires and explosions at probable munitions plant N of Segni, and damaging enemy positions NW of Alfadena. Axis forces in Cervaro sector attacked by 72 A-36's with satisfactory results. In 8th Army area, gun positions W of Ripa attacked by 10 P-40's, while 28 Spitfires attack roads and RR S of Ancona.  
Mediterranean: SS Alpherat (Dutch cargo ship, 5,759 tons) sunk by aircraft at 35-18 N, 16-15 E.

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Italy: Second Mor Div makes slight gains in area E of Cardito, capturing a hill position. Eight Ind Div repulses Axis counterattack in Tollo sector and Canadians continue attempts to gain control of Ortona where furious fighting rages.

Adverse weather again greatly limits air operations. Orsogna bombed by 36 A-20's and A-30's, which damage roads and buildings and cause a large explosion. Spitfires and P-40's attack enemy rail lines and gun positions in E coast area. Seven A-20's make night attack on Miglianico.

Yugoslavia: In Sibenik-Split sector of the coast, Partisans have landed between Primosten and Rogoznica in what may be an attempt to infiltrate behind German positions at Split. NE of Split violent fighting continues around Livno; Germans have retreated to Livno from Sujica. On Livno-Split road Prolog has been recaptured by units of Partisan 20th Div.

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Italy: Adverse weather hampers operations on 5th Army front; W of M. Cavallo determined enemy resistance checks 45th Div. SW of Ortona 8th Ind Div, attempting to advance toward Tollo, captures Vezzani; 1st Cdn Div captures large portion of Ortona although violent fighting continues.

Imperia, near Italian-French border, bombed by 35 B-26's, which hit road, RR bridges, and marshalling yards. In same area, 34 B-26's hit approaches to RR bridge at Ventimiglia.

Yugoslavia: NE and SE of Karlovac Partisans make progress, penetrating toward Kupinec and capturing Vojnic.

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Mediterranean: Gen. Sir H.M. Wilson is appointed Allied commander in chief in Mediterranean, Gen. Sir H.L.G. Alexander commander of Allied forces in Italy, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker Allied air commander in Mediterranean, and Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers commander of American forces in Mediterranean area and deputy to Gen. Wilson.

Italy: Units of 6th Corps occupy hill positions NE of Viticuso and just E of Casale; stubborn fighting continues in



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this area despite unfavorable weather. Eighth Ind Div makes progress in drive on Tollo; against strong German opposition, 1st Cdn Div increases hold on Ortona.

Because of weather only 1 bombing mission carried out; 25 B-26's bomb Cecina rail yards (near Leghorn), scoring hits on yards and warehouses. Tactical Air Force flies some recon missions and bomblines patrols.

Yugoslavia: German forces around Banja Luka constantly attacked by Partisans who are apparently weakening enemy offensive in this area. NW of Livno Nazis have entered Glamoč. Enemy has established a bridgehead at Raciste, on Korcula I. W of Peljesac Peninsula. During night Drvenik I. shelled by 2 British DD's.

East Atlantic: SS Dumana (British cargo ship, 8,427 tons) torp. and sunk at 04-27 N, 06-58 W.

- 25 Italy: Forces of 2d Corps, 1st SS force and 504th Para Rgt, successfully attack hill positions on SW and W slopes of M. Samnucro, commanding strongly held town of S. Vittore; objectives gained. Operations of 8th Army severely impeded by bad weather; violent battle continues in Ortona.

Despite unfavorable weather RR centers in N Italy pounded by Allied planes: 64 B-17's with large fighter escort drop 186 tons of bombs on Bolzano RR yards with good results; Pisa and Portonova marshalling yards bombed by total of 88 B-26's which cause fires and explosions and temporarily block rail traffic. Thirty-five escorted B-24's attack barracks and airfield at Vicenza, causing violent explosion. Pontecorvo bridge bombed by 12 A-36's.

- 26 Italy: Adverse weather continues; 8th Ind Div captures Villa Grande, on road to Tollo; fierce fighting continues in Ortona where Canadians now control more than 2/3 of town.
- RR centers again primary objectives of Allied aircraft: Prato, Empoli, and Pistoia marshalling yards bombed by total of 108 B-26's; tracks, rolling stock, warehouses, transformer stations, and repair sheds damaged; fires and explosions result at first target. Nineteen Spitfires attack enemy line of communications in E battle area. In general, weather conditions too unfavorable for active support of ground troops.

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- 27      Italy: Second Mor Div attacks in M. Marrone area but makes progress against strong enemy defense. First Cdn Div continues to clear Ortona.
- Total of 150 P-40's and A-36's attack RR at Anagni, Civitavecchia, and gun positions in 5th Army area with good results; fires started in RR yards at Civitavecchia and ship left burning; bridge NW of Carpineto believed destroyed. Zoagli and Recco viaducts, SE of Genoa, bombed by total of 34 B-26's; targets possibly damaged. Eleven B-26's attack Poggibonsi RR yards, S of Florence.
- Yugoslavia: Korcula I. reported entirely in German hands. Shipping at Zara bombed by 24 B-25's; 2 ships possibly damaged.

- 28      Italy: British 56th Div, at Puntafiume at mouth of Garigliano R., sharply attacked by enemy forces; British hold village despite fierce fighting. M. Marrone captured by troops of 2d Mor Div; N-S spur beyond, which was heavily defended, also occupied. In 8th Army sector 13th Corps units reach road junction just E of Guardiagrele and Canosa-Arielli. Ortona finally cleared and completely occupied by 1st Cdn Div.

Airfields and RR's in Rome area pounded by Allied planes: hangars and buildings at Ciampino airdrome damaged by 69 B-25's and 36 A-36's; 4 aircraft on ground at Centocelle airfield destroyed by 33 B-26's; 7 grounded planes at Guidonia airfield destroyed by 48 B-26's; RR bridges near Orvieto possibly damaged by 34 B-26's; fires caused among RR installations at Ferentino by B-25's and 24 A-36's. Civitavecchia harbor attacked by 24 A-36's, and wharf and mole at Anzio damaged by P-40's. On E coast 2 RR centers believed severely damaged; 21 B-24's and 105 B-17's with escort of 101 P-38's and 47 P-47's drop 306 tons of bombs on Rimini RR yards; 17 B-24's bomb Vicenza RR yards; at latter Allied planes opposed by about 50 enemy aircraft of which 19 are shot down and 5 probably; 10 B-24's lost.

- 29      Italy: During night Commandos and a Bn of 201st Brig raid Argente area, above the mouth of Garigliano R., destroying a bridge and mopping up enemy defenses. Units of 141st RCT make night attack on S. Vittore but are forced to withdraw in face of heavy machine gun fire. Eighth Ind Div makes slight

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gains toward Tollo; 1st Cdn Div pushes about 2 mi. NW of Ortona along coastal road.

Allied planes concentrate on Axis RR facilities: 306 tons of bombs dropped on Ferrara and Rimini marshalling yards by 104 escorted B-17's, which hit buildings and tracks and cause fires and explosions; RR bridges at Certaldo and Orvieto, Bucina viaduct, Foligno and Poggibonsi RR yards are targets for total of 102 B-26's, which drop 147 tons of bombs with good results; 40 P-40's hit buildings and tracks at Anagni rail yards, while those at Ferentino are hit by 12 A-36's. Other A-36's bomb Civitavecchia harbor, possibly damaging quay. Operations in support of ground troops restricted by weather.

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Italy: At dawn 180th RCT of 45th Div attacks, with tank support, towards M. Raimo and M. Molino, in Acquafondata-Viticuso area; slight gains achieved. To the N, peak of M. Casale occupied by troops of 2d Mor Div. First Cdn Div advances NW of Ortona, reaching Tomasso area; slightly to the L, enemy arty and mortar fire forces minor withdrawal.

Axis RR centers again primary objective of Allied air force: Padua, Rimini, and Ravenna yards believed extensively damaged as result of bombings by total of 39 escorted B-17's; Falconara marshalling yards are target for successful attack by 51 B-25's; Borgo San Lorenzo and Viareggio yards bombed by total of 52 B-26's, which damage tracks and buildings. The only sizeable opposition is encountered at Padua where about 35 enemy planes attempt to intercept B-17's. In Cassino sector, Roccasecca bridge unsuccessfully attacked by 24 B-26's; Atina town and roads bombed by 36 A-20's with fair results. P-40's and A-36's attack Arce-S. Elia-Frosinone area in support of 5th Army. In E battle area about 350 P-40's, Spitfires, and A-30's attack enemy gun positions, troops, and transport; results believed very good.

Yugoslavia: SE of Sarajevo in Lim R. sector, Partisans have reoccupied Rudo. Zara harbor bombed by 24 B-25's, which hit warehouses and cause large explosion on quay.

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Italy: Forty-fifth Div consolidates gains E of Acquafondata, reoccupying a hill position after counterattack forced their withdrawal; 1st Cdn Div prevented by stubborn Nazi opposition

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from advance NW of Ortona.

Bombing operations cancelled because of bad weather. Formia town and gun positions in area bombed by about 30 A-36's; total of 195 P-40's and Spitfires bombs enemy positions in 8th Army area with good results.

Yugoslavia: Enemy units in Ogulin-Susak area have been severely defeated by constant Partisan attacks.

Aegean: Throughout the month Beaufighters, A-30's, and B-25's have attacked enemy small craft, sinking about 20 caiques and sailing vessels and many small supply ships.

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- 1 Burma: On Arakan coast minor patrol contacts are reported NE of Buthedaung. Ningbyen, N Burma, shelled by enemy arty. Twelve B-25's damage N end of Myitnge bridge with 18 tons of bombs. Storage areas at Insein strafed by 5 P-51's which are intercepted by 30 enemy fighters, apparently without damage to either group. Two P-40's destroy 10 or more trucks between Kutkai and Hsenwi. Mingaladon and Zayatkwinn airdromes are targets for 5 and 3 RAF Liberators, respectively. Nine Vengeances strike at Fort White, and 6 others with fighter escort hit enemy stores at Maungdaw. Indo-China: Three P-40's strafe Dong Cuong and Outsun with some success. China: Fighting continues to rage in Changteh, where Chinese 57th Div is resisting strongly; 3d Chinese Div is reported to have moved up to Changteh from the S, and Chinese 4th Army is reported moving up from Changsha area. Seven P-40's sink 50 boats and damage 15 others from group of 200 strafed near Ansiang. Two Allied fighters strafe 200 Japanese at Chaikungtan, about 30 mi. N of Tengyueh, while 4 others raid pack train on mountain trail in Lungling area. Hongkong: Total of 8 B-25's escorted by 24 P-40's and 8 P-51's participate in destructive raids on enemy shipping and installations at Taikao and Kowloon docks; 320-ft. vessel sunk, another ship seriously damaged, and a 3d probably damaged; dockyards, RR equipment, and buildings heavily damaged; interception made by 10 or more enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed; 1 P-51 lost.
- 2 Burma: Eight B-25's with 7 fighters as escort attack river steamer and cement plant at Thayetmyo, damaging both with direct hits. Four P-51's achieve good results at Prome cement factory. Twelve A-36's possibly damage bridge 6 mi. NW of Manywet with 8 near misses. Myitkyina runway hit by 6 P-40's with 4 others as cover. Three successful raids are made on enemy arty positions at Ningbyen by total of 10 A-36's. Fifteen RAF Wellingtons start 3 large fires at Bassein. Japanese positions in Fort White and Buthedaung areas hit by total of 17 Vengeances and 6 Hurricanes. Indo-China: Four Allied fighters raid Nguyen Bing mines and on return flight strafe Ha Giang airfield. China: Street fighting at Changteh continues.

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Japanese positions NE of Changteh are hit by 2 flights of 8 P-40's each. Enemy planes are active, bombing Suichwan, Namyung, and Kian airfields; all 3 targets left temporarily unserviceable. At Suichwan, attacking force of 18 bombers escorted by 30 Zeros is intercepted by 9 P-40's; 1 enemy plane destroyed, 2 probably, and 1 damaged; 2 P-40's shot down.

- 3 Burma: Four B-25's and 8 P-38's heavily damage Thayetmyo cement plant and destroy river boat at Allanmyo. A-36's and P-40's raid various targets in N Burma, including Namti-Myitkyina RR, Namti factory, road bridges near Namkwin and Nsopzup, and enemy positions at Kamaing, Mogaung, Ningbyen, and Shaduzup.

Four RAF Liberators raid Heho airfield, causing bursts in dispersal areas.

China: Changteh is completely occupied by Japanese, despite heroic resistance of Chinese 57th Div against overwhelming odds.

Eight P-40's bomb Wanling, hitting group of new buildings and barracks area.

- 4 Burma: Japanese attack on Ningbyen in the Hukawng Valley is repulsed.

One B-25 and 7 P-40's attack Bhamo town and airfield, scoring a number of hits in both areas. Town and airfield at Myitkyina hit by 1 B-25, 6 A-36's, and 14 P-40's with considerable success. Twenty-four B-25 sorties flown against Japanese troop concentrations in Kaungkasi area; results reported excellent, and an ammunition dump is destroyed. In S Burma, 18 B-24's participate in mining of Moulmein Channel and Rangoon Estuary.

Three RAF Liberators effectively bomb Mandalay RR yards.

China: Total of 19 B-25's and 44 P-40's bomb and strafe Changteh area. Sixteen P-40's drop ammunition to Chinese at Teh-shan and strafe enemy shipping on return. During the day 4 enemy planes are probably destroyed in combat and 4 damaged for loss of 2 P-40's.

- 5 India: Calcutta heavily attacked during daylight by 2 waves of Japanese planes, totalling about 34 bombers and 35 fighters; although bombs are concentrated on Kidderpore docks, very little damage results; 8 AK's slightly damaged and 1 barge sunk; civilian casualties are about 500; heavy AA fire and RAF fighters oppose attacks; 5 enemy planes shot down and 7 RAF fighters lost. Leading and unloading of ships is temporarily halted, since only 300

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dock workers from former force of 4,000 remain; military personnel is subsequently used to replace civilian workers.

Burma: RAF targets are Buthedaung, Kaungkasi, and Heho airdromes; 5 Vengeances raid 1st, 12 escorted Vengeances the 2d, and 8 Wellingtons the 3d.

China: Sixty P-40 sorties are flown in Changteh area, during which supplies are dropped to Chinese forces on Tehshan Mt., and enemy shipping on lakes in the area is heavily hit; several P-40 flights are intercepted by enemy planes, 2 of which are destroyed, 1 probably, and 3 damaged; 3 P-40's damaged.

6 Andaman Is.: Twelve B-24's hit Chatham I. with 18 tons of bombs; good results reported; of 5-6 intercepting enemy planes, 1 is shot down, another probably, and 3 damaged.

Burma: Thirteen B-25's escorted by 16 fighters bomb Myitnge and Paleik; AA positions at former and RR yards at latter damaged. Katha bombed by 1 B-25 and 7 P-40's which start 4 fires in town.

Ten RAF Wellingtons start fires on Heho airdrome with 17 tons of bombs. Taungup hit by 4 RAF Liberators.

China: Tehshan reoccupied by Japanese, according to Chungking. Changteh bombed with excellent results by 2 flights of Allied planes, totalling 16 B-25's and 17 fighters; both flights intercepted by enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed, 2 probably, and 3 damaged; 1 P-38 missing. Thirty-three Allied fighters patrol the area and strafe enemy positions and RR facilities. Photographs of Changteh show practically all buildings demolished as result of recent air and ground action.

7 Burma: Katha airfield raided by 1 B-25 and 8 P-40's which hit runway with 6 500-lb. bombs. Thirteen A-36's on offensivercn between Mogaung and Naba destroy 2 buildings at Hopin, cause bursts among RR cars at Pinwe, and damage locomotive. Five RAF Liberators accurately bomb Moulmein RR yards and jetties, starting 3 large fires. Three others hit RR targets at Mandalay with good results.

China: Changteh bombed by 9 B-25's escorted by 20 fighters; 60% of bomb load falls in target area; no opposition offered. Two flights of Japanese planes, totalling 9, bomb Kukiing, and

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7 others bomb Wuchow airfield.

- 8     Burma: Seventeen A-36's effectively bomb and strafe villages in Mogaung-Kamaing area, starting a number of fires. Bhamo bombed by 1 B-25 and 7 P-40's; runway, buildings, and warehouses hit. Supporting ground operations, 4 P-40's bomb and strafe Ningbyen.

Twelve RAF Vengeances with 6 Hurricanes escorting bomb enemy Hq at Kawai, while 9 Wellingtons drop 13 tons of bombs on Toungoo; good results reported at both targets.

China: Chinese troops cross S shore of Yuan R. preparatory to an assault on Changteh. To the S, Tehshan, captured by Japanese on 6 Dec., is retaken by Chinese.

Changteh bombed by 9 B-25's with 15 P-40's as escort, while Hofu, to the W, is hit by a similar force; both targets well covered with bombs. Later, 3 B-25's successfully raid Changteh. Eight P-40's dive-bomb villages near Changteh.

- 9     Burma: Force of 200 Japanese with arty reported near Ningbyen.

Supporting ground forces, 4 P-40's again raid Ningbyen. Twelve B-25's escorted by 14 P-38's attack Maymyo, dropping 43 tons of bombs; a number of hits observed among buildings; 1 of 6 intercepting enemy planes is damaged.

Twelve RAF Vengeances drop 6 tons of bombs in vicinity of Fort White. Six Wellingtons start a number of fires at Wuntho.

Indo-China: Six P-40's strafe Tong airdrome, about 25 mi. W of Hanoi, starting several fires; MG fire damages 2 P-40's.

China: Chinese recapture Changteh, thus lessening the threat against the rice supply of the Chinese Army.

Hankow and Wuchang airdromes bombed by 6 B-25's each; searchlights prevent observation of results at former, but small fires are started at latter. Japanese planes bomb Wuchow, leaving airfield temporarily unserviceable.

- 10     Burma: During various engagements between enemy and Allied aircraft in the Sumprabum area, 2 enemy planes are destroyed, 4 probably, and 7 damaged; 1 B-25 and 2 C-47's lost. Four

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A-36's bomb and strafe enemy positions near Taro, starting fires. Putao, near Fort Hertz, bombed by 7 Japanese planes, of which 5 are destroyed by 4 intercepting P-40's.

Namsang and Heho airfields are targets for 3 RAF Liberators each.

Indo-China: Ten B-24's escorted by 15 P-40's bomb Hanoi marshalling yards; 80% of 10-ton load hits target area, causing numerous fires.

China: From Changteh, Japanese are withdrawing to the NE.

Hengyang bombed by 25 Japanese bombers with fighter escort; 8 intercepting P-40's destroy 3 enemy planes and probably destroy or damage 6 others; 2 B-25's badly damaged on the ground and 1 P-40 burned; 1 P-40 shot down in combat. Eleven enemy bombers escorted by 12 Zeros bomb and strafe Lingling.

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Burma: Nine B-25's escorted by 12 P-38's drop about 11 tons of bombs on Maida Vale airfield, hitting runway and revetment area. Myitkyina airfield successfully bombed by 1 B-25 and 10 P-40's.

Ten RAF Wellingtons drop 15 tons of bombs on Heho airfield, starting 3 fires among hangars and dumps. Japanese positions at Kyauktaw hit by 6 Vengeances.

China: Ansiang and Shihshow each bombed by 6 escorted B-25's, and fires started at both targets. Hankow airdrome bombed during night by 3 B-24's, while another bombs Wuchang airdrome. Twelve escorted Japanese bombers raid Suichwan; U.S. planes pursue the group to Nanchang where 8 enemy fighters and 2 dive bombers are shot down.

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Burma: Japanese attack on Allied positions 12 mi. SW of Ningbyen is repulsed. Myittha rail bridge heavily hit by 3 waves of Allied planes, totalling 18 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 23 P-38's; bridge remains intact after about 90 tons of bombs are dropped, but both approaches are damaged; of about 10 intercepting enemy planes, 3 are destroyed, 2 probably, and several damaged; 5 B-24's damaged; approach of Lu R. bridge also hit by 1 flight of B-25's.

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In Chin Hills area, Fort White is hit by 24 RAF Vengeances and Natchaung by a similar force plus 24 escorting Hurricanes; good results achieved at both targets. At night 12 Wellingtons drop about 19 tons of bombs on RR station at Paleik; huge fires and explosions caused, probably from ammunition.

Indo-China: Hanoi marshalling yards attacked by 8 B-24's escorted by 12 P-40's; numerous hits start fires in S portion of yards and in warehouse area.

China: During the night 9 B-24's, operating singly, bomb Hankow airdrome; haze obscures results, but dispersal area believed hit; 1 B-24 missing. Hengyang airfield raided by 11 enemy bombers escorted by 30 or more fighters; control building damaged and an oil dump set on fire; 31 P-40's intercept, destroying 12 enemy planes, probably 9 more, and damaging 17; 2 P-40's lost.

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India: Dinjan airfield attacked about noon by estimated 20 Japanese bombers escorted by 25 fighters; 32 100-lb. and 8 fragmentation bombs dropped but only 3 hit airfield, causing slight damage; interdicting Allied fighters shoot down 8 enemy planes, probably another, and damage 6, while AA fire destroys 1 bomber and probably another; 1 P-40 lost and another badly damaged.

Burma: Heho airfield and nearby airstrips twice heavily attacked during night by total of 13 B-24's and 24 B-25's; over 50 tons of bombs dropped with excellent results; runways, dispersal areas, and buildings hit; numerous large fires started; 2 enemy planes believed hit while attempting to take off. Maymyo bombed by 1 B-24 which failed to reach Heho. Nanti town area left in flames as result of raid by 2 B-25's escorted by 4 P-40's. One B-25 and 6 P-40's bomb Bhamo town and runway, starting fires; returning planes intercept Dinjan strike, destroying 3 fighters which are included in above total.

Preparatory to ground attack on enemy positions in Chin Hills area, RAF planes, in several strikes, concentrate on Fort White and Kalembo; total of 70 Vengeances, 42 Hurricanes, 6 Mohawks, and 1 Wellington drops 44½ tons of bombs and strafes targets with considerable success. During the night 10 RAF Liberators drop 29 tons of bombs on storage dumps at Toungoo, starting fires visible for 50 mi.

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China: In the Changteh area, Shihmen and Linli are recaptured by the Chinese who continue to push the enemy northward, Chungking announces.

Lichow and Kungan each bombed by 6 escorted B-25's; bombing well concentrated and large fires result. Eight B-25's hit Wuchang at night, using flares to light target; bombing believed successful; several fires and an explosion caused.

Indian Ocean: SS Daisy Moller (British cargo ship, 4,087) sunk by SS at 16-21 N, 82-13 E.

14 Burma: British Ind Inf Brig launches attack on enemy positions NE of Fort White in Chin Hills and advances about a mi. before being stopped by enemy mortar and arty fire.

In support of ground forces, 12 RAF Vengeances dive-bomb and strafe enemy gun positions at Fort White with some success. Eight Mohawks hit gun positions and buildings at Fort White and Kalemyo.

Eight P-40's bomb road bridges in Hukawng Valley with good results, while 1 B-25 and 6 P-40's bomb and strafe Myitkyina runway; runway damaged by 3 direct hits. Mawlu bombed and strafed by 16 A-36's and 8 P-51's; 6 fires and large explosion result.

Indo-China: Six P-40's strafe Gialam, concentrating on airfield and RR yards; 2 locomotives heavily damaged.

China: In the Tungting Lake area, Chinese reach outskirts of Ansiang and Nanhsien. An assault of these towns is in progress.

Shasi bombed by 13 B-25's escorted by 15 P-40's; all bombs fall in city with unobserved results.

15 Burma: In the Chin Hills, British Ind Inf Brig withdraws from positions gained yesterday to Kennedy Peak. British make some gains in Arakan area.

Twenty-five B-25's attack oil installations at Yenangyaung; huge fires result from 3 tank explosions, storage yard hit, and topping plant and buildings damaged. Twenty B-24's escorted by 14 P-38's hit Chauk waterfront area with 56 tons of bombs; bursts observed in target area and 1 huge and 3 small fires result. Two B-25's, 12 A-36's, and 8 P-51's bomb Myohaung, Namana, and Pinbaw with excellent results; ammunition dump believed exploded and

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28 fires started.

During night 11 Wellingtons bomb Chauk, Magwe, Prome, Minhla, and Taungup.

Indo-China: Two B-25's bomb and sink 200-ft. ocean-going tug and probably sink 250-ft. schooner in Gulf of Tongking.

China: Chinese report severe fighting in suburbs of Ansiang and Nanhsien.

Japanese positions N of Tungting Lake, including Owchihkow and Shihshow, successfully strafed by 16 P-40's. Six others start fires at Luchiangpa, E of Tengyueh. Yochow airdrome dive-bombed and strafed by 24 P-40's which destroy 3 grounded planes and damage 3.

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Burma: Chinese positions at Ngajatzup (7 mi. N of Taro) in the Hukawng Valley shelled by enemy arty, then unsuccessfully attacked.

Thayetmyo cement plant severely damaged or destroyed by 51 tons of bombs dropped by 19 B-24's with 14 P-38's as escort. Two B-25's, 15 A-36's, and 12 P-51's bomb and strafe Myitkyina, starting 10 fires in town and damaging 12 buildings in Hq area. Supporting ground forces, 11 P-40's bomb designated targets in vicinity of Ningbyen; results obscured by jungle.

Japanese positions at Akyab, Minbya, and Buthedaung bombed by 18 RAF Vengeances and 3 Hurricanes; at Akyab, buildings are hit and an enemy plane destroyed. Six Vengeances and 12 Hurricanes bomb Kaladan with fair results. A similar force bombs and strafes enemy defense positions in Kyauktaw area. Other targets for small, but effective, RAF raids are Prome marshalling yards, Thayetmyo, and Chauk oil storage area.

China: Thirteen P-40's strafe Pailochi airfield, setting 4 buildings on fire and destroying 2 grounded aircraft. Six P-40's strafe 25 sampans on Yangtze R., while 11 others strafe shipping in channels near Nanhsien. Owchihkow bombed by 9 B-25's escorted by 11 P-40's; large fires started in city. Two B-25's sink 175-ft. freighter and badly damage another in South China Sea.

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Burma: Sixteen A-36's, 2 B-25's, and 12 P-51's attack towns

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of Mogaung and Myitkyina, dropping 8 tons of bombs and strafing; damage to buildings at former is particularly severe.

Myohaung, Thaungdara, and Kyauktaw are targets for 20 tons of bombs dropped by 30 RAF Vengeances with 30 Hurricanes as escort. Twelve Vengeances drop 5 tons of bombs on Teinkaya in Chin Hills; bursts observed in target area. During the night 15 Wellingtons drop 21 tons of bombs on enemy communications in vicinity of Henzada, Kyaukpadaung, and Taungup with some success.

Indo-China: Laokay RR station dive-bombed and strafed by 7 P-40's.

China: Six P-40's start fires among barracks at Kunlong; intense AA fire damages 1 P-40.

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Burma: Twenty-seven B-24's escorted by 25 P-40's bomb Nam-sang airdrome; many hits scored with 40 tons of bombs, and at least 1 grounded plane destroyed. Japanese supplies, MT, and cavalry concentration S of Kamaing effectively bombed and strafed by 56 P-40's.

Eleven RAF Vengeances bomb Kalemmyo area with good results.

Indo-China: Two B-25's sweeping Tongking Gulf damage 225-ft. schooner.

China: Two B-25's badly damage 350-ft. AK and 250-ft. AO in South China Sea; both vessels left listing heavily. Nanh sien bombed by 5 B-25's escorted by 9 P-40's; large explosion results. P-38's destroy 10 sampans and 2 barges on Yangtze R. between Hunan and Kiangsu. Eighteen Japanese bombers with 40 fighters as escort bomb Kunming airdrome, badly damaging 1 B-24 and 4 P-40's on the ground; intercepting Allied fighters shoot down 5 enemy planes, probably destroy 9, and damage 5; 1 Allied fighter seriously damaged.

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SE Asia: Creation of Eastern Air Command merging British and American air forces is announced; Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse is named to head the Allied air forces, with Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer as second in command; the new Command comprises all combat units of the American 10th AF and RAF Bengal Command.

Burma: In the Hukawng Valley, small party of Japanese infiltrates behind Chinese positions at Ngajatzup. British troops make slight gains in Arakan sector.

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Nine B-25's with 6 P-38's as escort hit Kanbalu RR yards with 10 tons of bombs, damaging installations, trackage, and buildings, and destroying 10 cars.

Thailand: Bangkok dock and arsenal areas attacked during night by 30 U.S. and RAF B-24's, which set 1 ship and 8 barges on fire and start fires on Don Maung airfield.

China: Chinese claim recapture of Ansiang in Tungting Lake area.

Nanhsien and Ansiang hit with 9 and 3 tons of bombs, respectively, during attacks by total of 12 B-25's escorted by 22 P-40's; 33% of bomb load hits Nanhsien and all bombs hit Ansiang.

20 Burma: Enemy supply area at Monywa hit by 28 B-25's with 40 tons of bombs and incendiaries; entire target area left covered with smoke. Monywa RR station also hit, by 7 RAF Liberators, which start large fire with 15 tons of bombs. Thirty-six P-40's drop 11 tons of bombs on enemy troops and supplies at Taihpa Ga. Enemy camp at Kamaing bombed and strafed by 8 P-40's.

Twenty Wellingtons raid Prome RR station, damaging supply sheds and starting large fires. Six Vengeances escorted by 12 Hurricanes bomb and strafe Pauktaw and Kyaukchaung.

China: Nanhsien, in Tungting Lake area, reported recaptured by Chinese forces.

Yochow RR yards bombed by 11 B-25's escorted by 16 fighters; 9 tons of bombs dropped, of which 50% hit target; a number of fires result.

21 Kurile Is.: During the night 2 FBY's raid Shumashu I., dropping about  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of bombs which fall in Kataoka area; no enemy opposition encountered.

Burma: Myitnge bridge is target for 18 B-25's escorted by 16 P-38's which release 45 tons of bombs, causing burst at N end of bridge and at NE approach. Forty-four P-40's and 2 A-36's bomb and thoroughly strafe enemy concentrations at Taihpa Ga.

Twelve RAF Wellingtons start fires at Sagaing with 23 tons of bombs. Twelve Vengeances with fighter escort damage enemy positions in Kwazon area with 6 tons of bombs.

Thailand: Twenty-nine B-24's carry out highly successful attack on Chiengmai RR yards, dropping 46 tons of bombs, 90% of which hit target; trackage, rolling stock, and warehouses destroyed and a number of fires started; no opposition encountered.

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China: Chinese continue to make gains in Tungting Lake area; Tsingshih reported recaptured from the Japanese; Hwajung is now the Chinese objective.

Hwajung is target for 14 tons of bombs dropped by 14 B-25's escorted by 15 P-40's; 90% of load hits target and 4 large fires are started. Single enemy plane ineffectively bombs Hengyang, and an unknown number of Japanese bombers fail in attempt to bomb Kweilin due to fog.

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Burma: Supporting ground forces in Hukawng Valley, 8 A-36's thoroughly strafe enemy trenches in Tarung R. area. Enemy troop concentrations in N Burma effectively bombed and strafed by 22 P-40's.

Twelve RAF Vengeances bomb Kalemyo area with unobserved results.

China: Hwajung attacked for 2d successive day, by 7 B-25's escorted by 24 P-40's; bombing is accurate and many fires result. Two Chinese-American B-25's, during anti-shipping sweep, sink 400-ft. AK 105 mi. S of Hongkong. Eighteen Japanese bombers escorted by 40 fighters bomb Kunming, destroying 1 C-47 and 1 P-40 on the ground and slightly damaging the field; intercepting Allied fighters destroy 18 enemy planes, probably 16, and damage 14; 1 Allied plane lost and 4 damaged. Unknown number of enemy planes raids area 12 mi. SW of Kweilin.

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Burma: Supporting ground operations in Hukawng Valley, 8 A-36's strafe enemy positions in vicinity of Ningbyen and Taro. Two A-36's and 10 P-51's bomb and strafe Mignon and Namana; at Mignon an ammunition dump is exploded and large explosion caused SW of town, while buildings are demolished and fires started at Namana.

Twelve RAF Vengeances bomb Fort White in Chin Hills, causing 19 bursts.

Thailand: Bangkok RR terminal twice heavily attacked during night by total of 28 British and U.S. B-24's; 42 tons of bombs leave entire target area burning; fires are visible for 100 mi.

China: N of Tungting Lake, Chinese troops recapture Sungtze. Twenty-nine escorted B-24's attack White Cloud airfield at Canton, dropping 31 tons of bombs on runway, revetments, and hangars; a number of fires result, some possibly burning aircraft; of about 15 intercepting enemy fighters, 6 are shot down. Kichun area effectively dive-bombed and strafed by 12

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P-38's.

Indian Ocean: SS Peshawur (British cargo ship, 7,934 tons) sunk by SS at 11-25 N, 80-30 E.

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Burma: British positions 2 mi. N of Buthedaung unsuccessfully attacked by 2 Japanese platoons.

Fort White area twice attacked by British planes, totalling 12 Vengeances and 5 Mohawks; bursts observed in target area. Twelve Wellingtons drop over 18 tons of bombs on Mandalay RR station, hitting station, yards, and town; 1 Wellington fails to return.

China: Thirty Japanese bombers raid Liuchow without effect. Eighteen B-24's with fighter escort attack Tienho with excellent results; of 30 intercepting enemy planes, 3 are destroyed, 3 probably, and 5 damaged for loss of 1 P-40.

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Burma: Sixteen Wellingtons hit Ywataung RR station with 27 tons of bombs, causing explosions and large fires. Yazagyo in the Kabaw Valley is raided by 6 Hurricanes.

China: Chinese forces capture Kungan, important highway center in Tungting Lake area, and are clearing Japanese from E bank of the Sungtze R.

Six RAF P-40's bomb enemy camp at Manpa (8 mi. N of Lungling) with success. Two Chinese-American B-25's damage 300-ft. AK in Hongkong area.

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India: Chittagong attacked by 21 Japanese bombers escorted by 30 fighters; installations undamaged; 72 Allied fighters intercept near Dohazari, destroying 5 enemy planes and damaging 3; 1 Spitfire missing.

Burma: Nineteen B-25's drop fragmentation clusters on enemy camps in Tanga area (Chindwin R.); raid believed successful, although target is obscured. Japanese camp at Yanan in Chin Hills raided by 9 B-25's with good results. Thirteen P-38's strafe Ansikan airfield, near Mandalay, destroying 3 grounded planes and damaging 2, silencing 6 AA positions, and damaging buildings.

Six escorted RAF Vengeances effectively bomb and strafe Kugaung, NW of Mandalay. In the Chin Hills, enemy camp at Kontha is target for 4 tons of bombs dropped by 12 Vengeances, while Dollaung is raided by 6 Hurricanes. Twelve Vengeances

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drop 9 tons of bombs on Sinohbyin, in Buthedaung area.

China: Six Japanese bombers escorted by 4 fighters raid Nanning without damaging the airfield. Two B-25's destroy the AK damaged yesterday in the vicinity of Hongkong.

Indian Ocean: SS Jose Navarro (U.S. cargo ship, 7,244 tons) sunk by SS at 08-20 N, 73-35 E.

27 Burma: In the Hukawng Valley, 16 A-36's accurately bomb enemy entrenchments at Yupbang Ga.

Four RAF Liberators raid Mandalay marshalling yards; 12 tons of bombs dropped with good results. During the night 9 Wellingtons set buildings on fire at Toungoo.

Indo-China: Eight P-40's raid Phu Tho, small shipping on Red R., Dong Cuong airfield, and barracks and RR station at Cam Duong; 4 barracks at Phu Tho and 3 steam rollers at Dong Cuong destroyed.

China: Chinese report that enemy remnants have been cleared from area between Kungan and Yangtze.

Ten P-40's strafe Pailochi airdrome, sink a 200-ft. AK in the Yangtze, and destroy 2 locomotives N of Yochow. Suichwan attacked by an unknown number of enemy planes.

28 Burma: Ten P-40's drop 4 tons of bombs on Myitkyina airdrome, scoring 3 hits on runway; 2 enemy fighters intercept, of which 1 is destroyed and the other probably; 1 P-40 missing.

Twelve RAF Vengeances drop over 7 tons of bombs on enemy positions in the Buthedaung area. Japanese Hq buildings at Palusawa, NW of Shwebo, receive 4 tons of bombs dropped by 6 escorted Vengeances.

China: Four B-25's sink 200-ft. AK, set 200-ft. MV on fire, and damage 2 AK's on the Yangtze R. near Chihchow.

Indian Ocean: SS Robert F. Hoke (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by SS at 20-06 N, 59-25 E.

29 Burma: In Yupbang Ga area, Japanese are cleared from area W of Tarung R.

Japanese troop concentrations in Kaungkasi area bombed by 7 B-24's.

Eleven RAF Wellingtons release 18 tons of bombs on Mahlwagon marshalling yards, Rangoon, causing large fire and bursts across target.

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China: Three B-25's escorted by 3 P-51's sweep Yangtze R. from Wuhu to Chihchow, destroying 2 AK's (150-ft. and 200-ft.) and damaging another.

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Burma: Twenty B-24's heavily hit Monywa RR yards, damaging station, rolling stock, and yards and causing fires and explosions. Warehouses at Alon attacked by 26 B-25's escorted by 16 P-38's; direct hits cause explosion and 2 large fires.

Twelve RAF Vengeances raid enemy supplies and concentrations along Fort White-Kalembo road; good results believed achieved with 5.5 tons of bombs. Japanese positions in Buthedaung area raided by 12 Vengeances which drop 9 tons of bombs. Six Hurricanes hit troop concentrations at Kontha. During the night RAF planes again raid Mahlwagon marshalling yards, Rangoon; 12 B-24's drop over 28 tons of bombs with unobserved results.

Thailand: Lampang RR yards heavily attacked by 25 B-24's; target well covered with 38 tons of bombs; ammunition or gasoline dump believed hit and numerous large fires and explosions caused.

China: Six B-25's operate against enemy shipping on Yangtze R. in vicinity of Anking with following results: 1 100-ft. AK, 2 175-ft. AK's, and 1 250-ft. transport sunk; 2 gunboats damaged.

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Kurile Is.: Four PBV's bomb Paramushiro with unobserved results.

Burma: Japanese positions on Ramree I. shelled by light coastal units; withdrawing vessels are attacked by 14 enemy bombers escorted by 15 fighters; 12 Spitfires engage the planes and destroy 13, probably 3, and damage 7; 1 Spitfire crashes.

Maingkwan bombed by 11 A-36's, but jungle obscures results.

Twelve RAF Vengeances drop 5.5 tons of bombs on enemy positions at Paletwa and Buthedaung with good results. At night 10 Wellingtons hit Maymyo RR yards and town with over 15 tons of bombs; results obscured by haze.

China: Work on the Ledo road has progressed satisfactorily throughout the month.

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- 1 Gilbert Is.: Allied occupation of the Gilberts group continues. Work on defenses and airfields proceeding satisfactorily. Ground rcn of small atolls in the group is uneventful. Pacific Fleet Hq announces following U.S. casualties during campaign: at Tarawa, 1,026 killed, 2,557 wounded; at Makin, 65 killed, 121 wounded; at Abemama, 1 killed, 2 wounded.
- 2 Ocean I.: Two B-24's bomb Ocean I., starting a fire.
- 4 Marshall Is.: Thirty-five B-24's of 7th AF drop 52 tons of bombs on Mili, 90% falling in target area; 1 bomber destroyed on ground and large fires started; 5 B-24's slightly damaged by AA fire. U.S. rcn plane is intercepted near Mili by 7 enemy fighters, of which 1 is destroyed and 2 others damaged. Another Allied rcn plane destroys enemy plane at Jaluit Atoll. Gilbert Is.: Nine enemy bombers hit Tarawa with 36 100-lb. bombs, destroying 1 PV and 1 F6F and damaging 2 PV's and 6 F6F's; small gasoline dump set on fire.
- 5 Marshall Is.: U.S. carrier task force carries out destructive raid on various targets in the Marshalls: off Kwajalein, 2 enemy CL's, 1 AO, and 3 AK/AP's are sunk and 2 AK/AP's and 1 AP damaged; 1 AK/AP damaged off Wotje; an undetermined number of grounded enemy bombers at Kwajalein and Wotje destroyed, and ground installations at Kwajalein, Roi, Ebeye, and Wotje considerably damaged; 72 enemy planes destroyed in the air; despite vigorous enemy air opposition, only 1 ship is slightly damaged and U.S. plane losses are light. Gilbert Is.: Command of Tarawa and Abemama passes to Advance Base Commanders. Makin lightly and ineffectively bombed by single enemy plane. Nauru I.: Eight B-24's drop 12 tons of bombs on Nauru, starting large fire in fuel storage area; 1 B-24 damaged by AA fire but all return.
- 6 Gilbert Is.: Tarawa twice raided during night: 6 enemy planes attack without effect, but 2 others damage F6F and a landing craft at Betio.

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- 7 Gilbert Is.: Makin ineffectively raided by single enemy bomber at night. Four others, in night raid on Buota landing strip, Tarawa Atoll, drop bombs harmlessly into water.
- 8 Marshall Is.: U.S. bomber probably sinks a 300-ft. AK, 2 100-ft. vessels, and a PC at Jaluit.  
Seven Nukufetau-based B-24's bomb Taroa, Maloeap Atoll, dropping 10 tons of bombs, of which 30% hit target; 1 of 8 intercepting enemy planes shot down; another B-24, unable to reach target, accurately bombs Mili gun positions.
- 9 Nauru I.: U.S. naval task force hits Nauru with excellent results; surface vessels fire 810 16-inch and 3,400 5-inch projectiles, while carrier-based bombers drop 51 tons of bombs; 9 enemy planes destroyed on the ground and 1 in the air; large fires started at target; 2 U.S. planes lost and 1 DD is slightly damaged by enemy shore batteries.  
Marshall Is.: Twenty-two B-24's from Nanumea drop 44 tons of bombs on Jaluit, with 90% falling in target area, while 11 others hit Mili with 16 tons of bombs; opposition encountered only at Mili where interception is attempted by 10 Zeros, of which 2 are probably shot down; AA fire at Mili slightly damages 4 B-24's.
- 10 Marshall Is.: Mili attacked by 19 B-24's from Funafuti; 20 tons of bombs dropped, 60% hitting target; of 15-25 intercepting enemy fighters, 3 are shot down, 3 probably, and 1 damaged; 5 B-24's slightly damaged.
- 13 Marshall Is.: From Ellice Is. bases, 31 B-24's pound Emidj I., Jaluit Atoll, with 47 tons of bombs; clouds obscure results; some B-24's sustain light damage from AA fire.  
Gilbert Is.: Tarawa twice bombed by enemy planes; both raids light and ineffective.
- 14 Gilbert Is.: Two Japanese planes raid Makin, causing light casualties. A 2d light fails to cause any damage.

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- 15     Marshall Is.: Taroa, Maloelap Atoll, is target for 17 Funafuti-based B-24's which start large fires in hangar area with 12 tons of bombs; of 15 intercepting enemy fighters, 1 destroyed, 4 probably, and 5 damaged; 3 B-24's slightly damaged.  
Eight B-24's from Canton cause fires and explosions at Wotje with 15 tons of bombs.
- 16     Marshall Is.: Taroa is bombed, for 2d successive day, by 21 B-24's from Nanumea; 25 tons of bombs dropped on storage and barracks area, 75% of load hitting target; attack opposed by moderate AA fire and 30 enemy fighters operating in pairs and using aerial bombs; 2 enemy planes shot down, 8 probably, and 8 damaged; 1 B-24 lost and 10 others damaged.  
Ten Canton-based B-24's attack Wetje with 17 tons of bombs; many hits scored in building area; opposition limited to weak AA fire.
- 18     Marshall Is.: U.S. rcn bomber possibly sinks 2 of 3 small transports attacked near Jaluit.
- 19     Marshall Is.: Fourteen B-24's from Nanumea hit Mili with 19 tons of bombs, starting fires; 4 enemy fighters intercept, using aerial bombs; 1 enemy plane shot down and another probably destroyed; 1 B-24 lost and 5 others damaged.  
U.S. Army light bombers and fighters based at Makin attack Mili, destroying 6 grounded Zeros and damaging 3 others; AA fire slightly damages 2 Allied planes.  
During the night PB2Y sets large enemy AP on fire at Kwajalein.  
Gilbert Is.: Two enemy planes cause light damage at Tarawa. Light enemy raid on Makin is ineffective.
- 20     Marshall Is.: Nineteen Army B-24's attack Mili; 27 tons of bombs start large fire and destroy 1 bomber and 3 fighters on the ground; interception made by 1 Zero which damages 1 B-24 with aerial bomb.  
During an earlier raid on Mili, 12 Army fighters from Makin destroy 1 enemy bomber and 2 Zeros on the ground; 1 of 3 intercepting Zeros shot down; 2 Allied planes lost to heavy MG fire.

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Eleven B-24's from Canton drop 15 tons of bombs on an unnamed island 2 mi. N of Taroa in Maloelap Atoll; 50% of load falls in vicinity of tank farm and radio station; of 25 intercepting enemy fighters, 7 are probably destroyed and 5 damaged; intense, accurate AA fire damages 2 B-24's.

Gilbert Is.: Six enemy planes raid Makin without effect.

- 21 Marshall Is.: Sixteen B-24's from Canton and Nanumea attack Maloelap with 24 tons of bombs, of which 95% hit target area; 2 hangars set on fire and other fires and explosions caused; attack opposed by intense, accurate AA fire and 30 enemy fighters; 4 of the intercepting planes destroyed and 5 probably for loss of 3 B-24's; some damage sustained by entire force of B-24's.

Emidj, Jaluit Atoll, hit by 16 F6F's and 17 A-24's and SBD's; 8 tons of bombs released on shipping, and shore installations strafed; medium AK damaged and a small craft left sinking; 1 A-24 lost and 2 F6F's slightly damaged.

Allied search plane sinks a 1,000-ton enemy AK near Jaluit.

- 22 Marshall Is.: Eight B-24's and 4 PB4Y's cause fires and explosions at Kwajalein with 6 tons of bombs; 9 intercepting enemy fighters fail to damage U.S. planes.

- 23 Marshall Is.: Nine Canton-based B-24's hit Wotje with 15 tons of bombs; 35 enemy fighters intercept the B-24's near Taroa; 3 of the interceptors shot down, 1 probably, and 6 damaged; 1 B-24 damaged.

Mili is target for 11 A-24's, 16 P-39's, and 1 F6F; several fires started and an AK damaged with 3 hits; interception attempted by 4-6 enemy fighters, of which 1 is shot down, 1 probably, and 1 damaged; 3 Allied planes sustain slight damage.

- 24 Marshall Is.: Nineteen B-24's release 38 tons of bombs on Kwajalein shipping and shore installations, setting 2 medium AK's on fire; no interception is made.

Mili is target for 10 A-24's and 20 P-39's; AK hit yesterday is further damaged with another direct hit; interception made by 6-7 Zeros, of which 2 are destroyed.

Allied planes attack 2 small AK's 30 mi. SE of Kwajalein, leaving 1 sinking.

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Nauru I.: Seven Venturas from Tarawa bomb Nauru, starting fires in dispersal and service areas; heavy AA fire encountered, and 1 B-24 fails to return.

Gilbert Is.: During the night Japanese planes make 5 nuisance raids on Tarawa and 2 on Makin, causing only light damage at each target; at Makin, intercepting P-39 destroys 2 enemy planes.

- 25 Marshall Is.: Eighteen B-24's from Ellice Is. attack Wotje; of 45 tons of bombs dropped, 50% hit target area, starting 3 fires.

Ten A-24's and 10 P-39's raid Mili with unreported results; 2 A-24's sustain light damage.

Gilbert Is.: Fifteen Zeros ineffectively raid Makin during daylight.

- 27 Marshall Is.: Wotje and Jaluit hit at approximately the same time by U.S. planes; 17 B-24's from Nanumea release 51 tons of bombs on former with 50% of load hitting target area; near misses scored on 300-ft. AK; 1 of 6 intercepting Zeros shot down for loss of 1 B-24; another B-24 is lost to heavy AA fire. At Jaluit, 5 B-24's and 8 F7F's bomb and strafe shipping and shore positions, probably damaging several small vessels.

U.S. patrol planes score direct hit on large AK between Kwajalein and Likiep and set an AO on fire S of Likiep.

Gilbert Is.: Hawkins airfield at Betio I., Tarawa, ineffectively bombed by 2 enemy planes.

- 28 Gilbert Is.: Japanese planes raid Tarawa twice and Makin once without effect.

- 29 Marshall Is.: Fourteen Canton-based B-24's drop 15½ tons of bombs on Maloelap, 66% hitting target area; interception made by 10 Zeros.

S of Maloelap, Majure Atoll receives 18 tons of bombs released by 6 B-24's from group of 16 dispatched from Ellice Is.; near Maloelap interception is made by 35-50 enemy fighters, of which 2 are destroyed and 10 probably; 2 B-24's are shot down and 12 damaged.

Group of 10-13 enemy fighters intercepts photo mission of 7 PB4Y's over Kwajalein; 3 enemy planes shot down for loss of 1 PB4Y; 2 other Allied planes damaged.

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Nauru I.: Venturas from Tarawa release 8 tons of bombs on Nauru, destroying an ammunition dump and starting 2 fires; intense AA fire damages 3 Venturas.

Gilbert Is.: Four Japanese planes drop 15 tons of bombs on Makin; no damage caused.

30 Marshall Is.: Mili raided by 18 A-24's, 9 B-25's, and 20 P-39's; 23 tons of bombs dropped and target strafed; 5 attacking planes slightly damaged by moderate to heavy AA fire.

31 Marshall Is.: Kwajalein bombed by 17 B-24's from Nanumea, which release 51 tons of bombs on shipping and shore targets; near miss scored on 1 medium vessel; 1 B-24 damaged by moderate AA fire.

Mili bombed and strafed by 25 SBD's and 24 P-39's which concentrate on AA positions; 2 fires result; weak AA fire is only opposition encountered.

Nine B-25's raid Jabor, Jaluit Atoll, hitting radio and fuel storage area.

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1 Solomon Is.: Allied ground action in Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, limited to patrolling and improvement of positions.

Fifty-one SBD's and 26 TBF's escorted by 32 fighters hit Kara and Ballale airfields with 56 tons of bombs, damaging landing strips and buildings and starting fires; intense AA fire met at Ballale; 2 SBD's lost. Other Bougainville targets are Jaba R. area on W coast and Sarime Plantation, 20 mi. S of Bonis; 10 SBD's and 12 TBF's with 8 P-39's as escort raid former with unobserved results, while 6 B-25's achieve good coverage of latter objective. Maliai, NE Morgusiai I., hit with some success by 18 B-25's escorted by 8 P-38's.

New Ireland-New Britain: B-24 fires 10,000-ton AP in Gazelle Channel with direct hit. Twenty-nine B-25's and 7 B-26's escorted by 18 P-38's hit Borgen Bay defenses, supply area, and barges off shore with 54 tons of bombs. Seven A-20's, cooperating with B-25's, further damage same target. Simultaneously, 9 other A-20's raid Japanese positions in C. Hoskins area. During night raid on Gasmata area, 11 RAAF Beauforts cause explosions and fires in supply areas.

New Guinea: Allied troops seize a suspension bridge 3 mi. NE of Sattelberg, killing 50 defending Japanese.

Forty-six B-24's with P-47's as cover rain 111 tons of bombs on Wewak supply areas; assessment of damage difficult but large fires and explosions observed; of 40 intercepting enemy fighters, 10 are destroyed and another probably, while 3 B-24's are lost.

2 Solomon Is.: Allied patrol in NE sector of Empress Augusta Bay area loses contact with Japanese.

Despite bad weather, 24 B-24's successfully attack Korovo, SE Shortland I.; supply and bivouac areas hit. SE of Shortland I., 14 B-25's hit Maliai on Morgusiai I. Japanese positions on Porro R., S Bougainville, bombed by 6 B-25's.

New Britain: For 2d consecutive day Borgen Bay is attacked in force by Allied planes: 59 B-25's with P-38's as escort drop 63 tons of bombs and heavily strafe villages and supply dumps.

New Guinea: With tank support, Allied troops reduce Japanese strongpoint along trail from Bonga to Wareo.

Excellent results achieved by 10 B-25's and 10 B-26's bombing supply dumps 2 mi. N of Bonga.

N.E.I.: During early morning raid on Toeal, Kei Is., 4 RAAF PBY's cause fires and explosions in waterfront area.

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3 Solomon Is.: Some improvement reported in Allied positions in Torokina area; Japanese positions near Mavavia (E of Torokina R.) shelled by Allied arty with excellent results; uneventful patrolling continues.

Twenty-three B-25's hit Kieta with 33 tons of bombs, starting 5 large and many smaller fires in supply and bivouac areas. Four fires started in Bonis supply area by 21 attacking B-24's. Japanese AK's beached at Moisure Bay, E of Kahili, bombed by 17 SBD's. Six B-25's destroy a number of huts at Aitara, SW Bougainville. Throughout the day, total of 36 TBF's and 58 SBD's operate against Japanese supply areas in S Bougainville from Buin to Empress Augusta Bay; raids are made at 45-minute intervals by groups of 6 planes each; bridge and 30-40 buildings destroyed and numerous fires started; 1 TBF lost.

Night of 3/4, formation of 15-25 enemy torpedo and dive bombers attacks 9th echelon en route to Torokina; attack occurs about 35 mi. SW of Empress Augusta Bay; near misses cause minor damage and casualties; 3 enemy planes shot down and several others probably destroyed by AA fire from ships, while Allied fighter downs another and is then destroyed.

New Britain: In a strong effort against C. Gloucester supply and personnel areas, 29 escorted B-25's and 6 B-26's, followed by 40 B-24's, plaster target with about 130 tons of bombs; resulting damage unobserved because of smoke. At night 18 RAAF Beauforts bomb Lakunai airdrome; results, other than fires, unobserved.

New Guinea: Stubbornly resisting Japanese slow Allied advance along trail 900 yds. S of Wareo.

Enemy positions near Masaweng R. mouth (6 mi. N of Bonga) bombed and strafed by 11 A-20's. Four P-47's engage 24 enemy fighters over Wewak, destroying 5 of them.

N.E.I.: Twenty-four B-24's attack Waingapoe, Soemba I., when weather prevents raid on Koepang; 29 tons of bombs cause large fires.

4 Solomon Is.: Allied 9th echelon arrives at Torokina; harassing pre-dawn attacks by enemy planes fail to damage vessels.

Twenty-one B-24's followed by 17 B-25's heavily hit Japanese supply center at Chabai; 3 buildings demolished and supply dump partially destroyed; 1 B-24 lost to heavy AA fire. Enemy supply lines in SW Bougainville again heavily hit, by total of 58 SBD's and 41 TBF's, striking at 45-minute intervals;

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area well covered with bombs. Two U.S. DD's shell Koiaris-Mawaraka area, S Empress Augusta Bay, while supporting SBD's drop a few bombs; warehouse and a number of buildings destroyed.

New Britain: Thirty B-25's bomb and heavily strafe Rein Bay, damaging huts and AA positions. Adverse weather forces 38 B-24's from group of 41 to abandon attack on C. Gloucester; gun positions hit by 3 attacking planes; Rein Bay is alternate target for 5 B-24's. Fourteen RAAF Beauforts, during night raid on Rabaul, set enemy AK on fire and start 4 large fires on Lakunai airdrome; 1 Beaufort missing.

New Guinea: Australians approaching Wared are now 2 mi. E of objective; enemy resistance becomes increasingly stiff. Other Australian units which crossed Kalueng R. yesterday clear Japanese from positions 600 yds. N of river.

Sixteen P-40's attacking Bogadjim road severely damage bridge 6 mi. S of the town and block approach with landslide. Inclement weather prevents attack on same target by 18 B-25's; Sio is alternate objective for 10 and Nanda village, N of Bonga, for the remaining 8. Enemy villages and trails around Blucher Pt. hit by 12 A-20's. During the night 2 small groups of enemy planes raid Langemak Bay.

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Solomon Is.: Allied units occupy heights on final perimeter in NE sector of Empress Augusta Bay area, including hills 1,000, 600, and 500.

Continuing aerial attacks on Japanese supply areas and communications lines on SW Bougainville, 8 flights of planes, totalling 23 B-25's, 12 TBF's, and 10 SBD's, bomb and strafe the Monoitu-Aitara-Mosigetta area with considerable success; a number of buildings destroyed; other results obscured by dense smoke. Monoitu Mission also hit by 6 B-25's followed by 3 P-39's; latter group reports entire area devastated. Kieta Harbor area plastered with 55 tons of bombs dropped by 51 SBD's and 28 TBF's under escort of 16 fighters; 12-15 buildings destroyed and 6 fires started. In Matchin Bay, 24 B-25's escorted by 16 fighters start many large fires at Tarlena with over 34 tons of bombs. Enemy supplies at Bonis also bombed, by 20 B-24's escorted by 9 fighter; several buildings destroyed and 3 large fires started. W coast of Buka strafed by 16 P-38's and Arawa Bay by 8 NZ P-40's. During morning 3 U.S. DD's effectively bombard Choiseul Bay.

New Britain: At. C. Gloucester, 140 escorted B-24's silence

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AA guns and start fires in supply and bivouac areas with 155 tons of bombs.

New Guinea: Strong enemy positions encountered by Allied forces advancing northward along coast of Huon Peninsula. Japanese positions S of Wareo heavily shelled by Allied arty and mortars.

Ten escorted B-25's and 19 P-40's bomb Bogadjim-Yaula road, damaging bridge 7 mi. S of Bogadjim. Lakona, 4 mi. N of Bonga, bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's. At night enemy planes lightly raid Malahang airfield, Dumpu, and Finschhafen.

Three RAAF PBY's damage waterfront area at Kaimana, Dutch New Guinea.

N.E.I.: Nine RAAF Beaufighters raid villages in Tanimbar Is. with some success.

6 Solomon Is.: In NE sector of Empress Augusta Bay area, Allied patrols are active beyond final perimeter.

Adverse weather grounds Allied bombers. Allied night fighters destroy 1 enemy plane from small group over Torokina.

New Britain: Thirty B-24's hit C. Gloucester area with 120 tons of bombs, but clouds prevent assessment of damage. Villages and trails at Borgen Bay effectively bombed and strafed by 30 escorted B-25's. Eighteen others raid enemy barge hideouts along SW coast. Wulai I., C. Hoskins area, attacked by 20 RAAF P-40's, which also strafe bridge over Kapihua R., E of C. Hoskins.

New Guinea: Allied units advancing N along coast are now 1,200 yds. N of Kalueng R., while other troops driving westward towards Wareo continue to make progress.

In support of ground forces, 12 B-25's and 9 A-20's with P-38's as escort concentrate on Lakona area; large explosion results from bombing and strafing. Bogadjim-Yaula road raided by 8 P-39's; bridge knocked out.

N.E.I.: Boela, Ceram, lightly bombed by 3 B-24's.

7 Solomon Is.: In Empress Augusta Bay area, improvement of Allied positions within final perimeter continues; work on airfield and roads progressing satisfactorily.

Air operations again hampered by weather. Thirteen B-25's start fires in Kieta Harbor area, while 5 others raid Kahili with unobserved results.

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New Ireland: During raid on Borpop airdrome, 26 RAAF Beauforts destroy a number of buildings and cause fires and explosions.

New Britain: Forty-three B-24's release 143 tons of bombs on gun positions at C. Gloucester with unreported results, while 45 B-25's, operating against coastal villages and trails between Borgen and Rottok Bays, drop 45 tons of bombs and heavily strafe the area; loaded barge and a number of buildings destroyed. Sixty-two RAAF P-40's bomb Gasmata dumps.

New Guinea: Australians capture enemy strongpoint 400 yds. S of Wareo; other Allied troops advancing N along coast are now 2 mi. N of Gusika.

Ten A-20's bomb and strafe NE coast of Huon Peninsula from Wandokai to Nuzen. Madang area and Ulingan Harbor each strafed by 8 P-40's. Four P-47's destroy 1 and probably another of 20 enemy fighters intercepted over Wewak.

N.E.I.: On Haroekoe I., off SW Ceram, 13 B-24's hit Pelauw town and airfield with 27 tons of bombs, starting a number of fires.

8 Solomon Is.: Continuing bad weather grounds Allied bombers.

New Guinea: Australians, moving up from the S, capture Wareo, important Japanese defense position approximately 12 mi. NW of Finschhafen. Other Australian forces advancing W from Bonga contact Japanese a mi. NE of Wareo.

Japanese supplies and bivouacs at Wandokai and E of Lakona hit by 10 B-25's and 11 B-25's, respectively; results at latter target reported excellent. P-39's strafe Scharnhorst Pt. and barges off Wandokai and Vincke Pt.

N.E.I.: Large fires started at Koepang, Timor, by 4 Dutch B-25's bombing waterfront area and Penfoei airdrome.

9 Solomon Is.: In NE sector of Empress Augusta Bay beach-head, Japanese force, estimated as a reinforced Co, from strong positions on E slope of Hill 1,000, heavily attacks Marine outpost on Hill 1,000; engagement broken off by enemy after 3 hours of fighting. Earlier, in the same area, Allied patrols kills 12 of 25 Japanese encountered.

Torokina airfield becomes operative. Allied planes again grounded by weather.

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New Ireland: PBY on night patrol sinks 8,000-tons AK S of Kavieng.

New Britain: Fifty B-25's drop 48 tons of bombs on targets along N coast between Borgen and Rein Bays, while escorting P-47's thoroughly strafe the area.

New Guinea: Thirty-nine P-40's effectively support Allied ground forces in Ramu R. valley by bombing and strafing enemy defenses N of Kesawai. Eight P-39's start fires in supply dumps N of Daumoina and cause landslide on road. Some damage and casualties caused by enemy plane raiding Kesawai area. Along N coast of Huon Gulf, 14 P-39's strafe enemy positions between Saidor and Scharnhorst Pt., and 10 B-25's start fires in barge center at Hubika. Finschhafen bombed without effect by 2 enemy planes.

Three RAAF PBY's raid waterfront area at Kaimana, Dutch New Guinea.

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Solomon Is.: One patrol skirmish reported in NE Torokina area. Occupation of Force Beachhead Line (Line How) completed.

Despite continued bad weather, 10 B-25's bomb Kahili supply area. At Arigua Plantation, SE of Numa Numa, 6 Venturas destroy or badly damage 10-12 warehouses, while 8 P-39's operate against Tonolei Harbor area.

New Britain: Thirteen escorted B-24's drop 52 tons of bombs on gun positions at C. Gloucester with unobserved results.

New Guinea: Buzuluo village, W of Wareo, falls to Allied troops. In Ramu Valley, patrol activity increases.

Fourteen escorted B-24's, prevented by weather from bombing C. Gloucester, hit enemy barge base at Nambariwa (near Sio) with 42 tons of bombs. Bogadjim-Yaula road is target for 34 escorted B-25's and 7 B-26's; over 55 tons of bombs released; 2 bridges hit and large explosion caused. In support of ground forces, 9 A-20's raid Japanese positions in Masaweng R.-Wandokai area. Eight P-40's destroy 3 of 15 enemy fighters engaged over Madang. Some damage results from early morning raid on Dampu by 10 enemy planes. Kesawai attacked at dawn by enemy planes; no damage reported.

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Solomon Is.: Improving weather permits heavy raid on Jakohina area by 54 SBD's and 28 TBF's with 14 fighters

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escorting; 54 tons of bombs destroy a pier, 3 AA guns, and several buildings; 3 attacking planes damaged by AA fire. Sixteen B-25's, in 2 waves, bomb Kahili; smoke and dust obscure results; 2 B-25's damaged by intense AA fire. Tsirogei village on Matchin Bay heavily bombed by 24 B-24's; good coverage of village and wharf areas reported. Six B-25's, in low-level attack on Arigua Plantation, SE of Numa Numa, damage or destroy 9 buildings. Tonolei again hit by 8 P-39's which start fires.

New Britain: Twenty-seven escorted B-25's bomb and strafe enemy positions in Borgen Bay.

New Guinea: Allied forces advancing N along Huon Peninsula coast reach S shore of Sowi R. and kill 75 Japanese entrenched at Tunom R. mouth.

Eight B-25's and 8 B-26's raid Fortification Pt., concentrating on bivouac area and barge unloading point. In Upper Ramu Valley, 8 P-40's intercept 35 enemy fighters, damaging 1; 1 P-40 lost.

N.E.I.: Total of 8 B-24's raid Balikpapan, Borneo, and Makassar, Celebes; fires and explosions result on refinery at former and in waterfront area at latter.

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Solomon Is.: In NE Torokina area, skirmishes with Japanese entrenched on E slope of Hill 1,000 reported.

Enemy shore installations and villages in Matchin Bay area attacked in force by 46 SBD's and 27 TBF's escorted by 48 fighters; 46 tons of bombs demolish a pier, gun emplacements, and huts; some of the returning fighters start fires in Kieta Harbor area. Twenty SBD's and 16 TBF's escorted by 24 fighters hit coastal targets in Kieta area with over 52 tons of bombs, destroying a number of buildings and starting many fires. An earlier raid on same target is made by 9 B-25's, which also start fires; 8 others with fighter escort bomb Bonis. Kahili and Poporang bombed with unreported results by 12 B-24's each. At Arigua Plantation, 6 B-25's destroy or damage a warehouse and several buildings.

New Britain: Thirty-seven RAAF P-40's start fires at Gasmata with bombs and strafing; airdrome, dumps, and gun positions are targets.

New Guinea: Allied troops advancing N along coast reach point 1,200 yds. SE of Lakona; strongly defended Japanese roadblock NE of Wareo cleared by other units; in Ramu Valley

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Allied outposts unsuccessfully attacked during night by 400 Japanese, of which 100 are killed.

Twenty-nine P-40's damage bridge on Bogadjim road and gun positions at Kisa, 17 mi. SW of Bogadjim. Nine enemy bombers escorted by 15 fighters raid Gusap, causing some damage to fuel dumps; 2 bombers and 1-2 fighters destroyed by intercepting P-40's. Dumpu ineffectively raided by single enemy plane.

N.E.I.: Five PBV's followed by 4 Dutch B-25's bomb Koepang town and waterfront during night, starting 45 fires.

13

Solomon Is.: Skirmishes continue in NE Torokina area.

Matchin Bay area again heavily hit, by 45 SBD's and 22 TBF's escorted by 47 fighters; gun positions receive 35 hits and the area is thoroughly strafed. In the Chabai area, 17 B-25's destroy AA position and 3 buildings at Porton Plantation. Twenty-four B-24's with 4 fighters covering bomb Bonis area with some success. At the same time, 6 B-25's destroy 14 buildings at Numa Numa where Japanese are reported concentrated.

New Ireland: Japanese 4,000-ton AK, travelling in convoy off W coast, sunk by PBV; CA in Steffen Strait damaged by another.

New Britain: In smashing attack on Japanese supply points at Lindenfen and Ring Ring Plantations, E of Gasmata, 60 B-24's and 48 B-25's escorted by P-38's pound targets with 248 tons of bombs and expend over 97,000 rounds in strafing; 2 supply dumps destroyed and a number of fires and explosions caused; 2 of 7 intercepting enemy fighters shot down. Night attack on Lakunai airfield, Rabaul, by 27 RAAF Beauforts results in fires visible for 50 mi.; 1 Beaufort badly damaged by pursuing enemy plane on return trip.

New Guinea: Lakona shelled by Allied arty, as coastal advance continues. Mopping up of Wareo area in progress. Since Allied landing at Song R. mouth on 22 Sept., 2,356 Japanese have been killed in Huon Peninsula area.

Japanese camps and supply areas along Bogadjim-Yaula road bombed and strafed by 34 A-20's and 7 P-47's. Between Saidor and Fortification Pt., 4 P-39's destroy or damage a bridge and 10 barges.

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- 14      Solomon Is.: Ground action again limited to minor engagement in NE sector of Torokina area. Units of 37th Div, returning from patrol of Numa Numa trail, report killing of 10 Japanese.

Supporting ground forces, 16 TBF's bomb enemy positions in NE Torokina sector. Eighteen B-24's covered by 4 P-38's drop 55½ tons of bombs on Sohana I. (Buka Passage), causing numerous explosions and a large fire. Eighteen B-25's escorted by 8 fighters destroy 6 buildings at Manob village, near Bonis. During heavy attack on Chabai area, 51 SBD's and 23 TBF's escorted by 36 fighters damage several gun positions and destroy 3 buildings; Numa Numa effectively strafed by returning escort. Numa Numa-Arigua area is target for low-level raid by 6 B-25's; 28 buildings destroyed or damaged.

New Britain: Preparatory to Allied landing at Arawe, total of 98 B-24's, 59 B-25's, and 72 A-20's, with fighter escort, participate in aerial bombardment of the area, during which a record bomb load of 438 tons is released and over 186,000 rounds expended in strafing; heavy damage inflicted on enemy installations. Thirty-six B-25's and 9 B-26's damage Gasmata airfield with 59 tons of bombs. Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, bombed during night by 12 RAAF Beauforts; inclement weather obscures results and prevents 13 others from reaching target.

New Guinea: Allied units advancing along coast from Finschhafen reach point just S of Lakoma, despite stubborn enemy resistance.

Single enemy planes raid Finschhafen beach and Kiriwina and Goodenough Islands without effect.

During night 3 RAAF PBV's attack Sorong, Dutch New Guinea, and nearby Jefman I. airdrome; large fires started in town area at former and 1,000-ton vessel offshore hit; on Jefman I. grounded planes effectively strafed.

- 15      Solomon Is.: First Marine Amphibious Corps under Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger turns over command of Empress Augusta Bay to XIV Corps, USA.

U.S. Marines, supported by arty and aircraft, strongly attack Japanese positions on Hill 1,000 and occupy W portion by nightfall.

Sixteen TBF's, in support of ground operations, bomb enemy positions in NE Torokina sector. Allied planes attack

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N Bougainville targets in force: 21 B-24's release 63 tons of bombs on Sohana I., probably damaging 4 guns and starting many fires; 23 B-25's with 16 escorting fighters start huge conflagration in Buka area with 27½ tons of bombs; 65 SBD's and 21 TBF's with 43 fighters as escort knock out 3 AA positions in Buka-Bonis area and damage others. During night Allied PT's bombard Mavavia, E of C. Torokina.

New Ireland: Borpop airfield strafed by 7 RAAF Beaufighters.

New Britain: About 3,000 men of 6th Army (158th Inf Regt and 112th Cav Regt) land on C. Merkus in vicinity of Arawe during morning, following shelling by DD's and bombing by B-25's; little opposition offered by Japanese, 60 of whom are killed.

Prior to landing, 8 B-25's bomb and strafe Amalut Plantation. Seven others raid village NE of the plantation. During morning Allied beachhead and snipping raided without effect by 30-40 Japanese bombers; 2 of the attackers shot down. Three more enemy raids reported during afternoon. During 2 attacks on UG Gloucester, total of 56 B-24's drops 210 tons of bombs; clouds obscure results of 1 attack but other is described as excellent.

New Guinea: Allied coastal units with arty support capture Lakona; heavy casualties inflicted on Japanese.

Four P-38's intercept formation of 12 enemy bombers escorted by 30 fighters off Finschhafen and force them to turn back.

N.E.I.: Eight RAAF Beaufighters and 6 Dutch B-25's attack Japanese convoy off Dilli, Timor, setting 2 AK/AP's on fire; about 17 mi. W of Dilli, Beaufighters destroy small merchant vessel and damage enemy supply and camp areas. Koepang town and Penfoei airdrome raided by 4 PBV's which start fires. During the night 11 B-24's bomb Balikpapan, Borneo, and Makassar, Celebes, but weather prevents observation of results.

- 16 Solomon Is.: Japanese on Hill 1,000 withdraw into pocket which is surrounded on W, S, and E by Allied troops. East of Torokina R. mouth, Allied patrols contact enemy force estimated as a reinforced platoon; arty is placed in position to bombard this group.

In N Bougainville area, Sohana I. and Bonis are again heavily attacked, by 60 SBD's and 28 TBF's escorted by 34 fighters; several AA positions damaged or knocked out; 3 bombers land on water. Same targets also hit by 3 B-24's each, while 2 others raid Poporang. Fourteen B-24's drop 41 tons of bombs on N Bonis area with some success. Sankau I., Latchin Bay, is target for low altitude raid by 5 B-24's escorted by 8 fighters; fuel dump hit.

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New Britain: Allied troops at Arawe consolidating positions. Fifteen P-47's intercept 16 enemy planes over Arawe during afternoon, destroying 6 and probably another. Beachhead bombed and strafed by 12 flights of enemy planes, night of 16/17. During the day P-38's intercept several flights of enemy planes along coast between C. Busching and Commodore Bay, destroying 10 and probably 2 more from total of 85-100, without loss to themselves. C. Gloucester again heavily hit under unfavorable weather conditions: 38 B-24's release 118 tons of bombs over target, but results, other than fires, unobserved.

New Guinea: Enemy remnants in Lakona area being mopped up. Ten B-25's start fires in dump and camp areas in vicinity of Sio, while 9 B-26's achieve excellent results at Kelanhoa. B-24 sinks small enemy AO off Hermit Is.; NE of Wewak, and PBY sinks SS 52 mi. N of Long I.

N.E.I.: Eight RAAF Beaufighters destroy AK and barge off Lautem, Timor; 16 P-38 intercepting enemy fighters shot down. Penfoel airdrome raided with some success by 3 Dutch B-25's.

- 17 Solomon Is.: Following 15-minute arty preparation, Allied troops advance against Japanese 600 yds. E of Torokina R. mouth, but position is found to be abandoned; a number of dead Japanese and 40-60 bunkers are discovered. Reports indicate S Bougainville is being evacuated by Japanese travelling overland.

First plane lands successfully on new Allied air strip on Treasury Is.

Ballale heavily hit by 54 SBD's and 28 TBF's, which concentrate on runway and AA positions; runway cratered, 3 AA positions believed damaged, and fires started in camp area. In the Shortland area, 18 B-25's start 4 fires on Maliai I.; 1 B-25 crashes. Raid on Motupena Pt. by 6 B-25's is reported highly successful. During night Allied PT's bombard Jaba R. mouth, while 3 Japanese bombers cause light damage and casualties at Torokina Pt. anchorage.

New Britain: Allied positions at Arawe beachhead being expanded.

P-47's intercept force of Japanese planes raiding Arawe and destroy 10.

Allied shipping off Arawe sustains some damage as result of attack by 40 enemy dive bombers and fighters; 14 attacking planes shot down and 6 others probably destroyed by AA fire.

Continuing bad weather hampers air operations. Twenty B-24's pour 80 tons of bombs on C. Gloucester, while 10 B-25's bomb and strafe Borgen Bay; results of both attacks unobserved. Eighty-three Allied fighters over Rabaul clash with 30-40 enemy fighters.

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and destroy 9 for loss of 2 P-40's.

New Guinea: From Lakona, Allied coastal forces push to Sanga R. and cross at its mouth, while inland forces seize village 2 mi. NE of Wareo.

Nine B-25's, prevented by weather from striking at Borgen Bay, raid targets in Sio and Nambariwa areas. Other Allied air activity limited to minor raids against enemy positions and barges.

Nine RAAF P-40's start fires in Timoeoka area, Dutch New Guinea.

- 18 Solomon Is.: Japanese pocket on Hill 1,000 attacked by Marines using flame throwers, and resistance is overcome by 1730; prior to attack, target is hit by dive bombers and mortar fire.

Japanese positions in Monoitu-Mosigetta area, SW Bougainville, strongly attacked by 59 SBD's and 42 TBF's; 2 bridges and many buildings destroyed and an ammunition dump probably exploded; 1 SBD fails to return. Porton and Chabai are Matchin Bay targets for 19 B-24's. Twenty-two F4U's strafe NW Buka and Shortland Is., destroying barge in Buka Passage; 20 Allied fighters strafe E coast of Buka. Korovo, SE Shortland, successfully hit by 11 B-25's, and enemy positions on NW Choiseul bombed and strafed by 6 others. At night 10-15 enemy planes bomb Allied positions in Torokina area.

New Britain: Untingalu, 3 mi. NE of C. Merkus, captured by Allied troops.

Continuing aerial bombardment of C. Gloucester, 24 B-24's, 33 B-25's, and 12 B-26's plaster target with 164 tons of bombs; runway and camp and dumps areas hit; large fire started and grounded plane destroyed. Borgen Bay is bombed and thoroughly strafed simultaneously by 23 B-25's. Thirty-seven B-24's render C. Hoskins airdrome unserviceable with 129 tons of bombs; 1 grounded plane demolished. Sixteen P-38's engage 30-40 enemy fighters over C. Raoult; 3 enemy planes downed and 2 P-38's lost. Japanese 2,000-ton AO sunk by B-24 W of Witu Is.

New Guinea: Allied troops advancing along coast of Huon Peninsula clear Japanese remnants from area S of Sanga R.; forward units now S of Masaweng R.

Japanese bivouac and camp areas at Waringai (8 mi. NW of Lakona) effectively bombed and strafed by 33 A-20's.

- 19 Solomon Is.: Total of 32 SBD's and 35 TBF's participate in 2 attacks on Kieta, during which AA positions, storehouses, and huts are destroyed or damaged; bridge at Rigu Mission demolished. Twenty-four B-25's start fires in Japanese camp and supply areas

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at Moisuru, NE of Kahili.

New Ireland: Five PBV's on night patrol attack convoy off W coast, hitting 3 vessels, of which 1 is left burning and another is probably destroyed.

New Britain: Allied patrols from Arawe beachhead advance W to Itni R. and NE to airstrip (about 6 mi. NE of C. Merkus) without contacting any Japanese.

Supporting ground forces, 8 A-20's bomb and strafe Pulie R. mouth. C. Gloucester further damaged by 414 tons of bombs dropped by formation of 100 B-24's, 46 B-25's, and 9 B-26's on runway, gun positions, dumps, and villages; targets also strafed; large fires and explosions result. Gasmata twice hit by RAAF planes, totalling 7 Beauforts, 10 A-35's, and 37 P-40's; runway, dump areas, and gun positions damaged. Rabaul bombed at noon by 16 B-24's escorted by 50 fighters; AK exploded, another set on fire, and a 3d left smoking; interception attempted by 40-50 enemy fighters, of which 4 are destroyed; 1 B-24 damaged and 4 Allied fighters lost.

New Guinea: Allied coastal forces N of Lakona cross Masaweng R.; small Japanese forces opposing crossing are eliminated and some equipment captured.

Madang airdrome is target for 22 B-25's and 7 B-26's; over 42 tons of bombs cause large explosion and fires near runway. In C. William area, 9 B-25's and 12 A-20's effectively raid enemy positions, while 6 P-39's sink 2 barges. Kiriwina and Goodenough islands raided at night by 15 enemy planes, of which 1 is destroyed by AA fire.

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Solomon Is.: Sohana I. and W Bonis attacked by 59 SBD's and 28 TBF's with 31 fighters as escort; gun positions, buildings, and a group of barges hit; 1 SBD crashes. Eight B-25's bomb Buka, and 13 others with 8 fighters as escort hit Korovo, SE Shortland; results unobserved. Japanese positions on NE Bougainville effectively bombarded by U.S. DD's.

New Ireland: Seven fires started in Kavieng dispersal areas by 2 RAAF PBV's attacking at night.

New Britain: Allied troops continue to consolidate their positions in Arawe area. Arawe bombed before dawn by 2 enemy planes. Probable site of enemy positions E of Arawe bombed and strafed by 18 A-20's, and Aisega village, S of C. Gloucester, successfully raided by 12 others. C. Gloucester continues to bear brunt of Allied air attacks: 104 tons of

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bombs dropped by 28 B-24's and 6 B-25's. Seventeen B-24's and 26 B-25's hit Borgen Bay coast with 93 tons of bombs and expend more than 52,000 rounds in strafing. At C. Mensing, 16 mi. E of C. Gloucester, 5 attacking B-24's cause explosions followed by fires. Eighteen RAAF Beauforts start large fires in dispersal areas at Vanakanau airdrome, Rabaul, RAAF fighters damage buildings W of C. Orford and destroy 14 small boats in Wide Bay.

New Guinea: Allied coastal forces N of Lakona reach heights SW of Fortification Pt.

Twelve B-25's effectively bomb Hubika area, while 5 B-26's and 7 P-39's operate against Waringai targets, causing large explosion in camp area and damaging 7 barges to the N. Alexishafen is target for 35 B-25's which destroy or damage 5 grounded planes and silence gun positions.

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Solomon Is.: Japanese arty and mortar fire on Allied positions in Empress Augusta Bay area silenced by Allied counter-battery fire.

Bad weather limits Allied bomber missions to 1: Manoitu Mission bombed and strafed with unobserved results by 6 B-25's.

New Ireland: During night, PBV sets 7,000-ton AP on fire SE of Dyaul I., 2 B-24's sink 6,000-ton AK NE of Rabaul, and 5 RAAF PBV's start fires in dispersal and barracks areas at Kavieng.

New Britain: Japanese planes are active in Arawe area: 2 light raids made before dawn; 15-20 escorted dive bombers attack shipping at noon, hitting 2 vessels; about 100 planes are over area during afternoon; Allied fighters shoot down 16 and probably destroy 3 more. Throughout the day C. Gloucester area is hit with 206 tons of bombs and heavily strafed by total of 54 B-24's, 35 B-25's, and 24 A-20's; dumps, bivouacs, and gun positions hit. C. Hoskins airfield bombed and strafed by 7 escorted RAAF A-20's and 3 RAAF Beaufighters.

New Guinea: Australian forces advancing N along coast of Huon Peninsula reach Hubika, SW of Fortification Pt.

Madang town and airdrome raided from low altitude by 30 B-25's; gun positions and buildings destroyed and explosions and fires caused; AA fire destroys 1 B-25. Enemy positions in Wandokai area bombed and strafed by 11 A-20's. Six B-25's bomb Alexishafen airfield.

Japanese villages in Japero area, Dutch New Guinea, bombed

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and strafed by 8 RAAF P-40's.

N.E.I.: Eleven B-24's drop more than 20 tons of bombs; and incendiaries on Amahai airfrome, Ceram, starting fires visible for 50 mi.

22

Solomon Is.: Allied reinforced combat patrol attacks Japanese positions encountered near Hill 600A; when attempts to dislodge enemy fail, Allied arty shells the area.

Sohana I. and Bonis blasted by Allied planes: 58 SBD's and 26 TBF's escorted by 33 fighters hit AA positions, barge hide-outs, and fuel dump with 60 tons of bombs. Nine B-25's start fires in Chinese settlement at Buka, and a similar force raids Kahili. Shortland Is. and Numa Numa also lightly raided by B-25's; latter village left in flames after further raids by Allied fighters.

New Ireland: Kavieng airfield raided during night by 3 RAAF PBV's which cause many fires and explosions.

New Britain: Allied positions at Arawe raided by enemy planes for 3 hours before dawn; some damage and casualties result. C. Gloucester pounded throughout the day and night by total of 79 B-24's, 9 B-25's, and 24 A-20's; almost 260 tons of bombs dropped and area is strafed. Twenty-three A-20's raid coast along Dampier Strait as far as Borgen Bay. Buildings and bridges in C. Hoskins area bombed and strafed by 30 RAAF P-40's.

New Guinea: Australians now 1 mi. NW of Hubika.

Supporting ground forces, 12 A-20's bomb and strafe trails N of Hubika, and 6 B-26's bomb Wandokai area. Thirty-six escorted B-25's bomb and strafe Wewak area, damaging 2 AK/AP's, destroying grounded plane and damaging another, and starting fires in dump areas; interception attempted by 30 enemy fighters, of which 20 are shot down and 2 probably, for loss of 2 P-38's. Alexishafen airdrome bombed by 6 B-25's.

23

Solomon Is.: Japanese positions on Hill 600A again attacked by Allied troops without success. About 600 yds. E of Torokina R., Allied platoon patrol contacts Japanese; supported by arty fire, patrol attacks, but fails to dislodge enemy; another attack by reinforced platoon also fails and Allied forces withdraw across Torokina R.

Force of 47 SBD's and 28 TBF's hits Japanese positions in SW Bougainville, destroying numerous buildings and starting

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fires in supply areas; 1 TBF lost. Seventeen B-25's achieve good results at Sohana I. with 24 tons of bombs; bursts observed near gun positions. Sixteen B-24's start fires in Chinese settlement at Buka, while 3 others hit Sohana I. and Bonis, starting a fire at each. Six B-25's raid enemy concentrations on NW Choiseul, destroying several huts.

New Ireland: Panapai airdrome, Kavieng, effectively raided during night by 4 RAAF PBY's.

New Britain: Sixty B-24's drop 179 tons of bombs on C. Gloucester, destroying 4 barges and starting fires. Twenty-four RAAF P-40's destroy 2 grounded planes and set buildings on fire at C. Hoskins, while 10 others bomb Gasmata runway. Lakunai airdrome, Rabaul, bombed by 18 Soupac B-24's with strong fighter escort; 54 tons of bombs cause explosions and fires; 30 enemy planes attempting interception destroyed and 6 others probably; 3 F4U's and 1 F6F missing. Allied positions at Arawe lightly raided by enemy planes during early morning.

New Guinea: Australian coastal forces are now within 2 mi. of Wandokai.

Wewak again raided by Allied planes: 20 B-25's successfully bomb and strafe town and airdrome; 5 others, unable to reach target, raid Awar Plantation. Thirty-eight B-25's and 9 B-26's release over 57 tons of bombs on Alexishafen runway, dispersal areas, and dumps; 3 grounded bombers damaged and a number of fires started. Barge hideouts between Sio and Nambariwa raided by 24 A-20's, and villages and barges in Rai R. area strafed by 8 P-39's.

24

Solomon Is.: Allied patrol reports Japanese on Hill 600A have withdrawn northward where it is believed a defense line is being established; 25-30 covered emplacements discovered.

Bonis seaplane anchorage bombed by 24 B-25's with unreported results.

New Ireland: Kavieng airfield bombed for 5th consecutive night, by 4 RAAF PBY's; numerous fires result.

New Britain: Small enemy groups succeed in infiltrating into Allied positions E of Arawe Peninsula during night.

Eight enemy planes cause slight damage at Arawe during pre-dawn raid. C. Gloucester remains chief target for Allied

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planes: total of 189 escorted bombers, 101 of them heavy, drop about 375 tons of bombs during the day; area also thoroughly strafed. Twelve B-25's bomb and strafe villages between Rein and Borgen Bays. Margie Bay and suspected enemy barge hideouts 20 mi. NW of Arawe raided by A-20's. Eighteen escorted B-24's heavily hit Vunakanau airfield, Rabaul; 26 intercepting enemy planes shot down and 5 others probably; 6 Allied fighters lost. Two B-34's engage 9 enemy fighters near Rabaul, destroying 2, setting 1 on fire, and damaging 3; both B-34's damaged. Rabaul also hit at night, by RAAF Beauforts; large fires started at Lakunai airdrome and in town area.

New Guinea: Australian troops occupy Wandokai; considerable enemy equipment and ammunition captured.

Japanese barge hideouts in Sio area bombed and strafed by 20 A-20's.

N.E.I.: Six Dutch B-25's start a number of fires in barracks area at Atamboea, Timor.

25

Solomon Is.: Ground action in Empress Augusta Bay area limited to minor patrol contacts. First echelon of Americal Div arrives at Torokina.

Early in the morning Allied CL's and DD's bombard Buka-Bonis area, starting many fires and causing explosions on large fuel or ammunition dump. Twenty TBF's bomb Buka-Bonis-Sohana area with some success; AA positions are principal targets. Enemy AA positions in Kahili area attacked by 26 SBD's and 3 TBF's. Twenty-five TBF's, in 2 flights, raid Japanese positions in NE Torokina area in support of ground forces. Motupena Pt. attacked with unobserved results by 16 SBD's.

New Ireland: Japanese shipping in Kavieng Harbor attacked early in morning by carrier-based SBD's and TBF's with fighter escort; 32½ tons of bombs and 9 torpedoes dropped with following results: 1 DD, 2 large AK's, and 3 barges sunk; 1 DD, several small AK's, 1 PT, and many barges sunk or badly damaged; 8-10 floatplanes damaged by strafing; 1 TBF lost and several Allied planes damaged. Fighters from the task group shoot down 3 enemy planes during day. An evening attack on the group by 18 enemy planes is unsuccessful. During night 5 RAAF PBV's carry out 6th raid on Kavieng airdrome in as many nights; fires and explosions result in dump and dispersal

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New Britain: From Pulie R. mouth Japanese are reported to have advanced W along coast as far as Umtinjala.

Allied positions at Arawe raided lightly during day and 3 times at night; some damage sustained from night raids. Allied fighters destroy 1 plane approaching the area. Pulie R. bombed and strafed by 18 A-20's. In smashing attack on C. Gloucester area, 62 B-24's, 62 B-25's, and 39 A-20's drop over 250 tons of bombs on coast and defenses and also strafe target. Rabaul pounded for 3d successive day, by B-24's with fighter escort; of 50-60 intercepting enemy planes, 13 are shot down and 7 probably; 4 Allied fighters lost.

New Guinea: Alexishafen runway and defenses bombed by 16 B-25's escorted by 10 P-47's.

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Solomon Is.: TBF's again support ground forces with raids on enemy positions in NE Torokina area. Kieta Harbor bombed and strafed at 45-minute intervals by total of 53 SBD's and 24 TBF's operating in groups of 6; 30-40 buildings destroyed as well as numerous huts; no AA fire met. Eighteen B-25's attack Kahili, concentrating on camp and supply areas.

New Ireland: Kavieng and Panapai airfields again bombed during night by 5 RAAF PBY's; large fuel fires started. Seven escorted B-25's bomb suspected radar station at C. St. George; 1 B-25 lost. Two small enemy vessels reported sunk off C. St. George by B-24 on patrol.

New Britain: U.S. 1st Marine Div lands at C. Gloucester at 0830, following effective naval, air, and rocket bombardment; smoke is used for 1st time in amphibious operations in this area. Beachheads established at 2 points: (1) 1 mi. N of Salimati Pt., Borgen Bay, (2) 3½ mi. N of Lagoon Pt. Initial landing is unopposed and Hill 450 (Target Hill) is captured by 1200. Units of Japanese 121st Regt identified.

Forty-two B-24's and 52 B-25's drop over 140 tons of bombs and strafe beaches, bivouacs, and Target Hill prior to landing; during landing 32 A-20's bomb and strafe enemy positions; throughout rest of day 64 B-24's and 51 B-25's drop 215 tons of bombs and heavily strafe enemy positions. Excellent naval support furnished by cruiser-DD task force and light craft.

Strong enemy air reaction occurs during afternoon; of about 100 enemy planes attacking beachhead and shipping,

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61 are destroyed and 10 more probably; 7 Allied planes lost; Allied shipping sustains following damage: USS Brownson (DD) sunk; another DD badly damaged, and 2 DD's and 2 LST's slightly damaged.

Allied troops in Arawe area repulse 3 enemy attacks on right flank. Twenty enemy dive bombers escorted by fighters attack shipping off Arawe; 2 of the bombers shot down.

Long I.: Simultaneously with landing at C. Gloucester, U.S. troops land successfully on Long I. in Vitiaz Strait.

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Solomon Is.: Japanese arty shells various Allied positions in Empress Augusta Bay area; Allied arty vigorously returns fire.

Buka is target for 2 groups of Allied bombers: 14 B-25's concentrate on floatplane anchorage and AA positions SE of Ramadata; resulting smoke at former rises to 500 ft.; shortly afterwards 54 SBD's and 22 TBF's escorted by 16 P-38's drop over 45 tons of bombs on AA positions at Buka, scoring many hits; AA fire damages 2 SBD's but all return. Kieta area thoroughly bombarded for an hour and a half by Allied cruisers and DD's. B-25's lightly raid same target and Kahili.

New Ireland: Panapai runway at Kavieng again successfully bombed during night by 5 RAAF PBY's.

New Britain: C. Gloucester: From the E. (Salimati Pt.), Marines with tank support launch drive against airdrome and advance to point 2 mi. SE of no. 2 runway against Japanese opposition. S of Salimati Pt., Marines repulse 4 counter-attacks; Allied arty shells enemy positions in this area. On the W, Allied positions are consolidated and no enemy encountered by patrols. C. Gloucester airfield raided by 12 A-20's; ammunition dump destroyed.

Patrol clashes reported in Arawe area. Japanese planes are active against Allied positions and shipping, attacking 3 times before dawn, twice during morning, and twice at night; 50-75 planes participate in largest attack; throughout the day, Allied fighters destroy 30 enemy planes, PT's account for 4, and AA fire shoot down 1. Light damage and casualties caused. Supporting forces, 9 A-20's raid enemy positions along Pulie R. and in village.

C. Hoskins airdrome strafed by 2 RAAF P-40's and 1 P-51; Beaufighters; grounded planes set on fire and trucks damaged.

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Allied fighters sweep Rabaul area and destroy 17 of 50-60 intercepting enemy planes for loss of 1 F4U.

New Guinea: Allied coastal forces in Finschhafen area occupy Waringai, 10 mi. NW of Fortification Pt., while other units in Ramu Valley capture strongpoint 7 mi. N of Dumpu.

Finschhafen raided at night by 9 enemy bombers. In support of ground forces, 18 B-25's, 12 A-20's, and 11 P-39's bomb and strafe enemy defenses and trails N of Waringai. Bogadjim area is target for 22 B-25's, and Madang airdrome hit by 11 B-25's and 10 B-26's; fires result at both targets and grounded plane is destroyed at latter.

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Solomon Is.: Command of E sector in Empress Augusta Bay area passes to Americal Div commander. Since Allied landing on Bougainville, 2,111 Japanese killed by 3d Marine Div.

U.S. paratroop detachment eliminates enemy strongpoint 600 yds. E of Torokina R. mouth, killing 10-15 of the estimated 30 Japanese there.

Gun positions on Poporang, Shortland, and Faisi islands heavily attacked by 54 SBD's and 23 TBF's; good results reported, particularly at the 1st where large fires are started. Fourteen B-24's drop 30 tons of bombs on Buka supply areas with unobserved results. At Kahili, 22 B-25's start 3 large fires near landing strip and hit AA positions. Japanese defenses in Reini R. area bombarded by U.S. DD.

New Ireland: During night raid on Kavieng, 4 RAAF PBY's start a number of fires.

New Britain: U.S. Marines with arty support continue advance on C. Gloucester airfield against stiffening enemy resistance and are now 1 mi. SE of no. 2 runway. Enemy positions in this area bombed and strafed by 19 A-20's. Japanese counterattacks against Allied perimeter SE of Salimati Pt. are ineffective. Villages and possible barge hideouts along coast E of Borgen Bay raided by 12 B-25's.

Ground action at Arawe confined to patrolling, with contact reported in vicinity of Umtingulu.

Seventeen B-24's render C. Hoskins runway unserviceable with 50 tons of bombs. Allied fighters sweeping Rabaul area dive on 50-60 enemy planes, of which 18-26 are shot down, 7 probably, and 2 damaged; 3 F4U's missing.

New Guinea: Allied troops proceeding along Huon Peninsula coast reach Blucher Pt., while other units in Upper Ramu

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Valley reduce another enemy strongpoint N of Dumpu.

Finschhafen ineffectively raided at night by 21 enemy bombers, of which 1 is shot down. Twenty-four B-24's damage Alexishafen airfield with 72 tons of bombs; grounded bomber destroyed, gun positions silenced, and a number of fires started. Nineteen B-25's start large fuel fires at Madang airfield. Total of 12 B-25's and 8 P-39's raid coastal targets near Bogadjim, between Saidor and Vincke Pt., and near Rai R.; buildings and barges destroyed.

N.E.I.: Eleven B-24's damage 2 enemy AP's off SE Celebes with near misses.

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Solomon Is.: Contact established with Japanese at 37th Div outpost in C. Moltke area; Allied arty fire directed against enemy positions E of Torokina R.

Bad weather limits Allied air activity to light harassing attacks.

New Ireland: Continuing nuisance raids on Kavieng, 3 RAAF PBY's strike during night, causing violent explosion and large fires.

New Britain: U.S. Marines at C. Gloucester reach E end of no. 2 runway. Japanese in Borgen Bay area maintain pressure against Allied units at Salimati Pt. First contact with Japanese is reported by Allied forces W of C. Gloucester. Allied planes continue effective support of ground forces: 103 B-24's and B-25's pound enemy defenses near no. 2 runway with 218 tons of bombs, then strafe area. S coast of Borgen Bay hit with 24 tons of bombs and thoroughly strafed by 23 B-25's.

Allied patrol activity at Arawe increases. Light pre-dawn raid by enemy planes causes no damage.

New Guinea: Allied coastal forces N of Blucher Pt. meet strong enemy resistance.

Thirty-nine B-25's release 38 tons of bombs on Madang, destroying buildings and starting fires. Five B-24's bomb Sio area, while 14 P-47's sweep Rai coast and strafe Bogia Harbor with some success.

Three B-24's bomb waterfront and shipping at Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea; 4 enemy planes shot down.

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Solomon Is.: Ground action limited to minor patrol engagement in vicinity of 37th Div outpost at C. Moltke; about 300 yds. E of Torokina R., Americal Div patrol discovers enemy ambush and withdraws.

Eighteen attacking B-25's start fires near Kahili air

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strip; Korovo village, Shortland I., bombed with unobserved results by 6 B-25's.

New Ireland: Kavieng and Panapai airdromes effectively bombed at night by 3 RAAF PBY's.

New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome falls to U.S. Marines at noon; consolidation of gains now in progress. Enemy pressure continues in Borgen Bay area. On the W, Marines repulse enemy attack and kill 40 Japanese in a counterattack. Supporting ground force, 34 A-20's bomb and heavily strafe enemy positions and installations near Sag Sag and 1 1/2 mi. SW of Salimati Pt. Few Japanese planes raid C. Gloucester during night.

In Arawe area, patrol activity continues. Enemy planes lightly raid Arawe before dawn and at night.

Nineteen B-24's bomb Rabaul town and harbor; results, other than fires, unobserved; interception attempted by 30-90 enemy fighters, of which 12 are destroyed and 9 probably; 1 B-24 crash lands and 2 others are slightly damaged by intense AA fire.

New Guinea: Australian coastal forces now 1,200 yds. NW of Blucher Pt.

Finschhafen lightly raided at night by enemy planes. Twenty-seven B-24's bomb Alexishafen with excellent results; 71 tons of bombs dropped on gun positions, 3 of which are silenced. Japanese concentrations and dumps at Billi Billi (6 mi. S of Madang) bombed by 37 escorted B-25's. Twelve B-25's operate against barge hideouts near Nambariwa with some success, while 29 Allied fighters strafe villages and barges along Rai coast.

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Solomon Is.: Approximately 1 platoon of Japanese discovered 400 yds. E of Torokina R. mouth and 600 yds. inland by Allied patrol; another U.S. patrol clashes with Japanese on NE coast of Empress Augusta Bay area.

Enemy supply and personnel areas at Kahili receive 699 fragmentation clusters dropped by 16 B-24's and 17 B-25's; intense, accurate AA fire damages 1 B-24 and 5 B-25's but all return. Seven SBD's and TBF's knock out 2 or more bridges and damage road near Monoitu Mission.

Throughout the month, Allied troops on Treasury Is. have searched out the few remaining Japanese.

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New Ireland: In night raid on Kavieng airdrome, 6 RAAF PBY's cause numerous explosions and fires.

Admiralty Is.: PBY on night patrol sinks 9,000-ton AK at Los Negros I.

New Britain: C. Gloucester airdrome perimeter extended 2,500 yds. S and W of air strips. Since landing at C. Gloucester, 1,000 Japanese dead have been counted. Allied fighters intercept force of enemy planes in C. Gloucester-Arawe area; 8 enemy bombers and 4 fighters shot down and 2 more fighters probably destroyed. C. Gloucester also raided during night. Twenty-three A-20's bomb and strafe Borgen Bay coast.

New Guinea: Thirty-five escorted B-24's attack Alexishafen, dropping 97 tons of bombs on airdrome, town, and AA positions; explosions and fires result. Madang and Beliau I. hit at same time by 21 B-24's; 63 tons of bombs dropped on personnel areas at former and AA positions at latter. S of Madang, 14 B-25's destroy buildings and start fires at Bili Bili. During heavy attack on Bogadjim area, 71 B-25's and 6 B-20's drop 93 tons of bombs and thoroughly strafe dumps, camps, and buildings; numerous fires started. Villages along Rai coast strafed by 8 P-47's.

Routine Allied fighter and PT patrols throughout the month result in destruction of numerous enemy barges and light craft.

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- 1     U.S.: The Gripsholm docks in New Jersey, carrying 1,222 American and 217 Canadian civilians repatriated from Japan.  
      Russia: War and the Working Class attacks Germany's satellites, Finland, Hungary, and Rumania, condemning their continuance of aid to Germany and warning them that they have no basis for expecting less severe treatment from the Soviet Union than will be accorded to Germany.  
      Iran: Four-day conference between Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, and Premier Stalin is concluded. The 3 powers also sign a declaration of their desire "for the maintenance, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Iran."
- 2     U.S.: The Senate Banking and Currency Committee is informed by Price Administrator Chester Bowles that if Congress abolishes subsidies, living costs will rise 10%.
- 4     U.S.: American Ambassador to Great Britain, John G. Winant, has been named by President Roosevelt as American member of the United Nations European Advisory Committee, the State Dept. announces.  
      Yugoslavia: The Free Yugoslav Radio states that Partisans, under leadership of Gen. Josip Brozovich (Tito), have formed a government; Dr. Ivan Ribar is named President of the Constitutional Assembly and Brozovich as head of Committee for National Defense.  
      Bolivia: Bolivian Government declares war on Axis powers, following approval by its Congress of Bolivia's adherence to United Nations' Declaration.
- 6     Egypt: Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, and Turkish President Ismet Inonu hold a conference in Cairo from December 4-6; Russia is represented by Sergei A. Vinogradov, Soviet Ambassador to Turkey; friendly relations between these powers reaffirmed.  
      U.S.-Russia-Breat Britain: Three-power declaration on Tehran Conference released, stating that the 3 nations will work together during the war and for an enduring peace, that they have "reached complete agreement" concerning operations to crush Germany, that in the problems of the future they will seek "the cooperation and active participation" of all nations opposed to tyranny.  
      Yugoslavia: Gov. Ivan Subovich of Croatia is appointed by

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Yugoslav Government-in-exile as its representative on Advisory Council to Allied Control Commission for Italy.

7 Russia: Moscow newspapers devote full front pages to Tehran Conference in articles which clearly indicate official enthusiasm and approval of the results.

U.S.: War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes states in a radio address that food subsidies are absolutely necessary for "hold-the-line" program and to avoid inflation and a crisis on the home front.

8 England: Minister of State Richard K. Law tells House of Commons that Yugoslav Partisans are receiving more support than Mikhailovich's forces because they are offering greater resistance to the Germans. He further states that Britain will continue its support of King Peter's government.

9 U.S.: War Dept. reveals change in Army's discharge policy to prohibit release of a man for physical reasons when he can fulfill less exacting duties.

Canada: Canadian Government bans wage increases for duration except to adjust cases of inequality and injustice and only then when they will not increase price of the product or service.

Turkey: Foreign Minister Numan Menemencioglu stated at press conference yesterday in regard to Cairo Conference that Turkey's "foreign policy remains unchanged."

10 U.S.: The White House announces that President Roosevelt has signed the draft bill which puts pre-Pearl Harbor fathers at bottom of list and curbs draft powers of War Manpower Commission.

France-Indo-China: French Committee of National Liberation pledges to Indo-China a "more liberal" political status and an opportunity to enter into world trade after the war.

12 Czechoslovakia-Russia: A 20-year treaty of friendship and mutual assistance between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia

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is signed in Moscow. The 2 nations agree not to negotiate a separate peace with Germany or any country bound to her, not to enter into any alliance directed against the other, and to render mutual assistance should Germany ever renew the Drang Nach Osten. A protocol provides that any 3d power bordering on either of the signatories may become a party to the agreement if both Russia and Czechoslovakia agree.

Algeria: Gen. Charles de Gaulle announces in a speech that the French Committee of National Liberation has voted to grant full citizenship rights to large numbers of French Moslems in Algeria and to increase the proportion of those in political office.

13 U.S.-Japan: Negotiations for further exchange of internees has been halted by Japanese Government pending an investigation of conditions at the Tule Lake, Calif., internment camp; Spanish representatives will conduct the investigation.

15 U.S.: The 5 RR unions of operating employees announce in Cleveland that a nationwide strike has been called for Dec. 30th to enforce demands for a 30% wage increase.

16 Iran: Premier Ali Soheily, who resigned yesterday along with his cabinet, announces that a new cabinet has been formed "adopted to new conditions" as a result of Russia-England-U.S. conference.

17 U.S.: UMW President John L. Lewis signs a contract with about 2/3 of the operators of soft coal industry providing for a 40\$ per capita retroactive payment for underground travel time. Contract is to run for 2 years and includes a no-strike agreement; it will be effective when OPA grants compensating price increases to the operators.

18 Sweden-Germany: Swedish Government sends a 2d note to German Foreign Office protesting arrest and deportation of students and faculty of the University of Oslo and rejecting Foreign Minister Ribbentrop's suggestion that it is no concern of Sweden's. The note further states that if the students are

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deported, a deterioration of German-Swedish relations will result.

19 Germany: According to a Stockholm report, Propaganda Minister Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels has suspended Dr. Ernst Brauweiler, head of foreign press bureau, and Maj. Martin Sommerfeldt, Army spokesman, from their respective positions pending an investigation of charges of defeatist utterances.

Russia: Following trials by a military tribunal in Kharkov, 3 German soldiers and a Russian traitor are publicly hanged for participation in mass slaughter of Soviet citizens.

20 Yugoslavia: Gen. Josip Brozovich, according to reports from Cairo, has announced that a Yugoslav Committee of National Liberation has been set up as "the supreme legislative body" of the newly-formed Partisan government.

Bolivia: By military coup President Gen. Enrique Penaranda is deposed and a new government headed by Maj. Gualberto Villarroel is formed by a mixed junta of civilians and army officers. The new regime states that it will continue to support the United Nations but some of its leaders are known to have Axis leanings.

21 U.S.: Fifteen non-operating RR unions decide to join in Dec. 30th strike as Congress recesses without having approved the unions' demands for an increase of 8¢ an hour.

Algeria: Five Frenchmen who formerly held high political posts have been arrested by French Committee of National Liberation "for crimes against the French nation." Those arrested are: Pierre-Etienne Flandin, one-time Premier and later Minister of Foreign Affairs in Vichy cabinet; Marcel Peyrouton, former Governor-General of Algeria and Vichy Minister of Interior; Pierre Boisson, former Governor-General of French West Africa; Pierre Tixier-Vignancourt, former French Deputy; Andre Albert, former French Deputy.

22 Russia: Czechoslovak President Eduard Benes indicates in Moscow that Poland may soon be included in Czech-Russian treaty.

Yugoslavia: Tito announces that King Peter's government-in-exile is deprived of all rights and forbids the king to return to the country until the government has been decided upon

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by the people.

23 U.S.: President Roosevelt instructs Attorney General Biddle to prepare to seize the nation's RRs if negotiations finally collapse; 3 operating unions have rejected his offer to act as arbitrator in the dispute.

24 Syria-Lebanon: Dispatches from Beirut reveal that Gen. Georges Catroux, representing French Committee of National Liberation, signed an agreement which turns over to governments of Lebanon and Syria all administrative and legislative functions exercised by the French under mandates of League of Nations.

U.S.: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and that of RR Trainmen agree to call off their strike.

27 U.S.: Secretary of War Stimson is ordered by President Roosevelt to take over all RRs at 7 P.M. EWT as the 3 operating unions fail to rescind their strike order. Secretary Stimson designates Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell as executor of the order with Maj. Gen. C.P. Gross of Army transportation service in charge of operations.

Germany: In a radio address Propaganda Minister Goebbels acknowledges that 1943 has been a bitter year for Germany but declares that they are prepared for the invasion because "our existence is at stake."

29 U.S.: RR unions call off strike set for Dec. 30 but refuse to accept President Roosevelt as arbitrator; 15 non-operating unions have accepted his arbitration for overtime pay only.

30 U.S.: War Dept. announces that it will continue operation of the RRs because the strike has only been postponed, not cancelled, and the wage dispute remains unsettled.

31 Argentina: All political parties throughout the country dissolved by Argentine Government.

Germany: Hitler issues a New Year's Day message far more somber than usual, again warning Germany that she must conquer

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or be destroyed and savagely attacking Russia, U.S., and, particularly, Britain.

Italy: Removal from public office in Italy of all those belonging to organizations of a Fascist tinge is ordered by AMG.

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